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The eight players who survived the Revival Round, with Nao included, are sent into the Third Round. Having been the victor of the second round, Akiyama joins the other eight and they are all given the rules to the "Contraband Game."
This time, an airport sets the stage for our players. Using the imaginary Northern and Southern Countries, the objective of the game is to smuggle your money out of the opposing country.
Furthermore, this game marks the first team battle in the Liar Game tournament thus far.
With all kinds of factors, like the opponent's unpredictable behavior, team strategies, personal debts... it all adds up to further complicate matters.
A deeper, darker "feast of lies" is about to begin!

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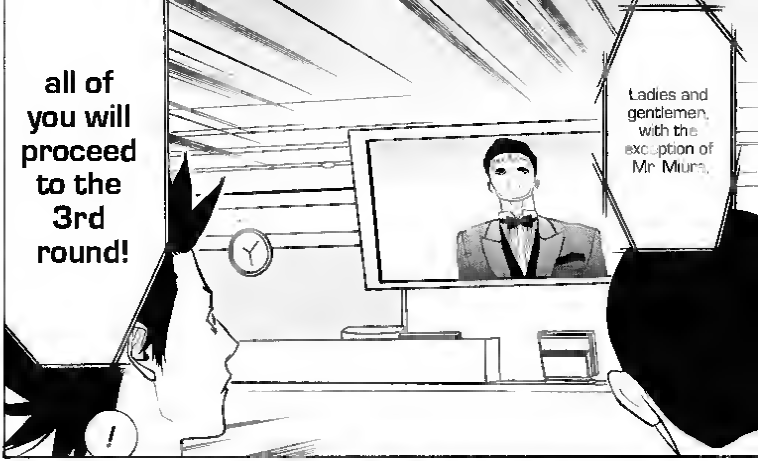
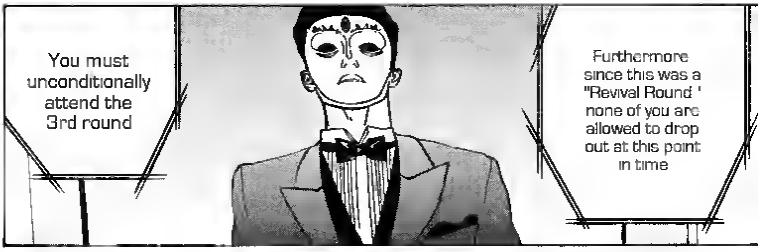
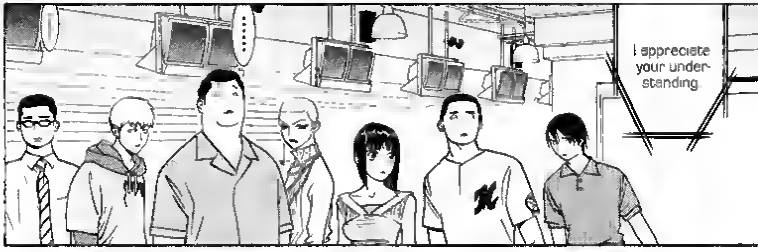
And so, the Revival Round
ended with Miura being able to withdraw from the game.
Chapter 29
Game III

Kanzaki Nao
Amount
Remaining funds ¥¥900,000,000
I returned all of the money I acquired to everyone
And as a result,

the eight of us who had to move on would enter the 3rd round in the same state we left the 2nd, without a single yen less.


all of you will proceed to the 3rd round!
!
Ladies and gentlemen, with the exception of Mr. Miura,


You must unconditionally attend the 3rd round
Furthermore since this was a "Revival Round," none of you are allowed to drop out at this point in time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I appreciate your understanding.

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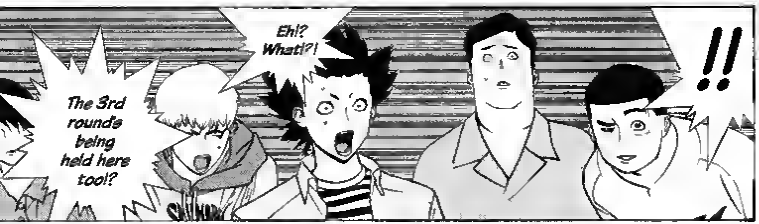
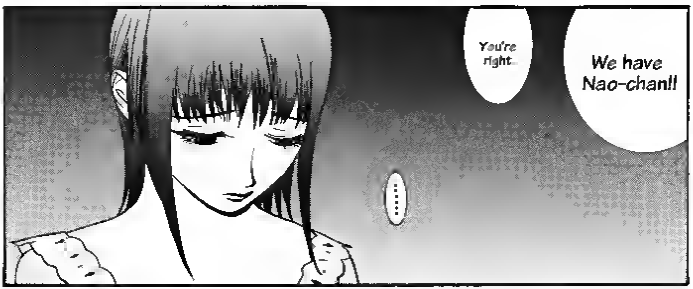
It will be held on Saturday of the week after next.
As for the 3rd round itself,

and you are all to assemble here on that day.

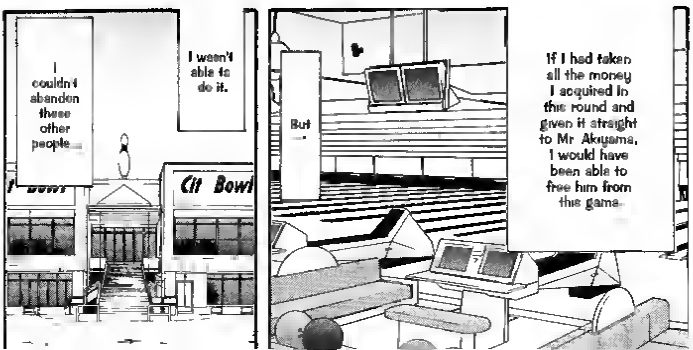

Eh!? What!?!
!!
The 3rd rounds being held here too!?

The details will be given to you by invitation at a later date.
So, good luck to all of you during this next round.
Uwah...!
He cut the signal!

No worries!
but now the next one, so soon??
We somehow managed to survive this round unscathed,


You're right.
We have Nao-chan!!

were mixed.
My feelings


I couldn't abandon these other people...
I wasn't able to do it.
But →
If I had taken all the money I acquired in this round and given it straight to Mr. Akuyama, I would have been able to free him from the game.

Don't worry about it.

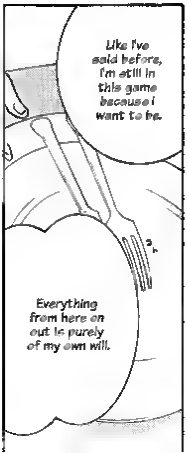
Eh?

He's sharp!
You were just thinking you could've used the money from that round to get me out of the game, am I right?

What made you call me out today?
Made? ...It's not like I need anything particular, but...

.....
So...

Even if you gave me money, I still wouldn't drop out.


Like I've said before, I'm still in this game because I want to be.
Everything from here on out is purely of my own will.

So of course, I'm really scared...
The 3rd round is finally going to start tomorrow...
Huh?
I thought you had a way to win prepared
Of what?
...Weren't these your words?
"If everyone is honest, everyone can be saved. That's what the LIAR GAME is really about."
Heh heh heh
What am I saying!
Ah...
Hey now! Why is the ever-so-trusting Neo suddenly doubting people?
It would be good if everyone agreed with me...
Well, yes, but...

People SHOULD be doubted.
No.

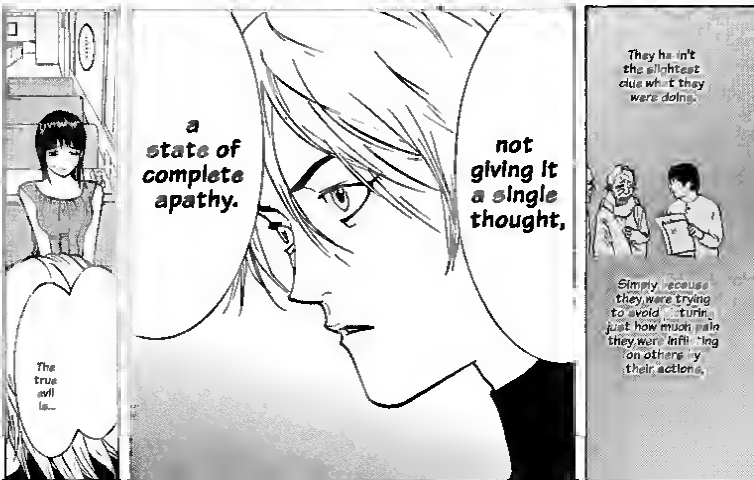
a part of trying to get to know them.
Doubting people is simply
Many people misunderstand this concept.
!?

!!
giving up on trying to understand others.
And that has nothing to do with "trust," but is rather...
"Trust."
what many people do, that they call "trust," is actually
That act is without a doubt a very noble one.
But you know,

There are countless people out there who fail to realize that apathy is a far more devastating act than doubting others.
apathy.

...were the vast numbers of people in it who really believed they were doing good, when they were actually deceiving others.
But the worst of them all...
I got to see many terrible people inside the giant MLM* I once worked to destroy.

* MLM = multi-level marketing


The true evil is...
a state of complete apathy.
not giving it a single thought,
They hadn't the slightest clue what they were doing.
Simply because they were trying to avoid thinking just how much pain they were inflicting on others by their actions.

becoming apathetic about other people.

But because of this, I never really got to know my friends.
I had always believed that trusting others was "good" and doubting others was "bad."
perfectly described who I am.
everything he said
because
Akigama's words cut right to my heart

When exactly was it I wonder that I started to run away from really trying to understand their true thoughts and feelings?
Even though we were able to make conversation as if we were close

Doubt them.
Mr. Aki-yama.
not a single friend took my cries for help seriously
That's why, when I first got wrapped up in the LIAR GAME,

Question them, suspect them...
and take a good, long look into their hearts.

Right...

Humans are the kind of beings that can't put their pain into words, after all.

the day of the 3rd round had arrived.

And so, the next day...

I went to the building that was once a bowling alley at the appointed time
and there I found...

CitelBowl
CitelBowl
the seven players from the Revival Round, as well as Akiyama, already there.

What is this for...?
Kamizaki Nao
Please take good care of these cards everyone You'll need them for the next game

Huh?
Y-Yes
Ms Kamizaki Nao correct?
Please write your name on this card

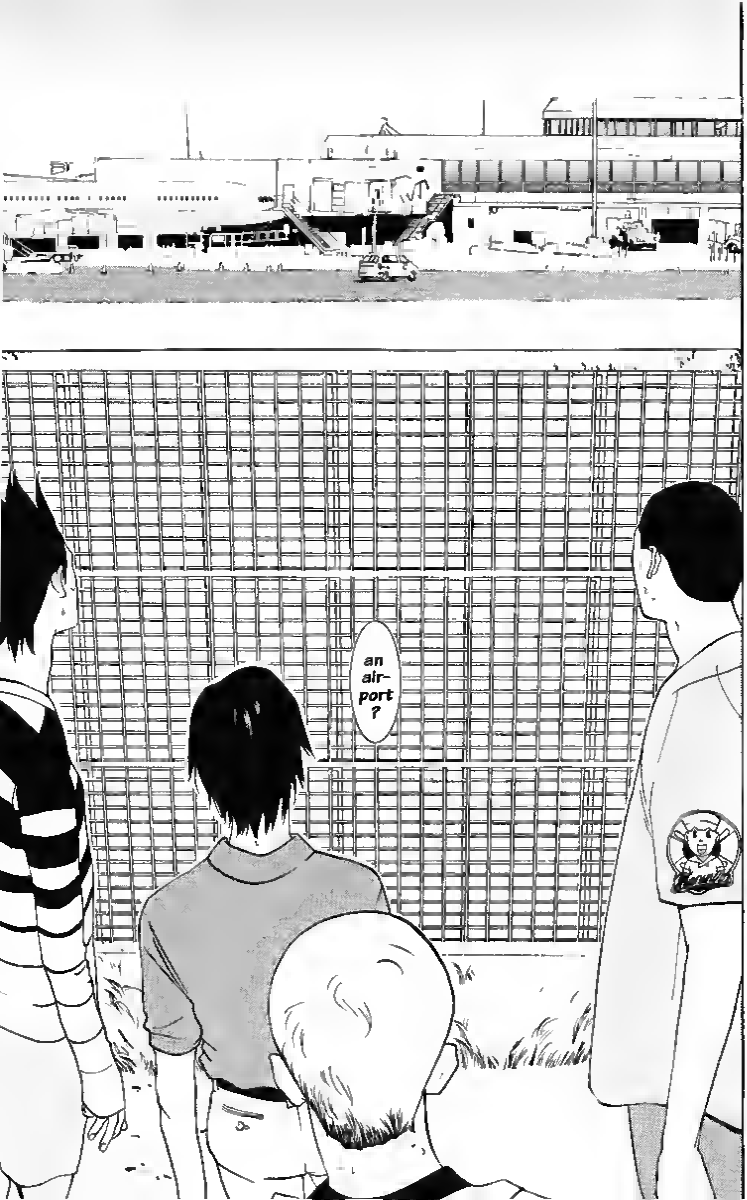
We will now guide you to the grounds at which the 3rd game will take place.
It seems that everyone is here.
CHI

We will now be transporting you to the actual location.
Correct.
It's not here?
HUH!?

With that.

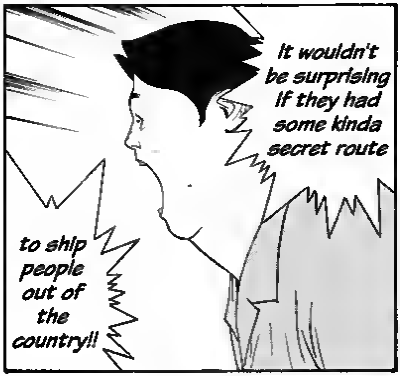
Exactly how far will we be travelling?
That.
What's going on here ?!
The windows have a special film pasted on them and we can't see outside !!
Gives me the creeps.
What's with this bus...
I cannot say
What the heck !!
The windows won't open at all!!!
O-oh...
Don't touch the windows!
HEY!
Ah..!
This bus isn't scary at all...
This is kinda scary...
What's wrong with this bus?
Heh heh

compared to what you'll face in round 3...
Ah...
This is...!
CHIBA
We're here
Every-one, please get off the bus.


an air-port ?

Why??
CHIBA
This is an airport.
Correct.

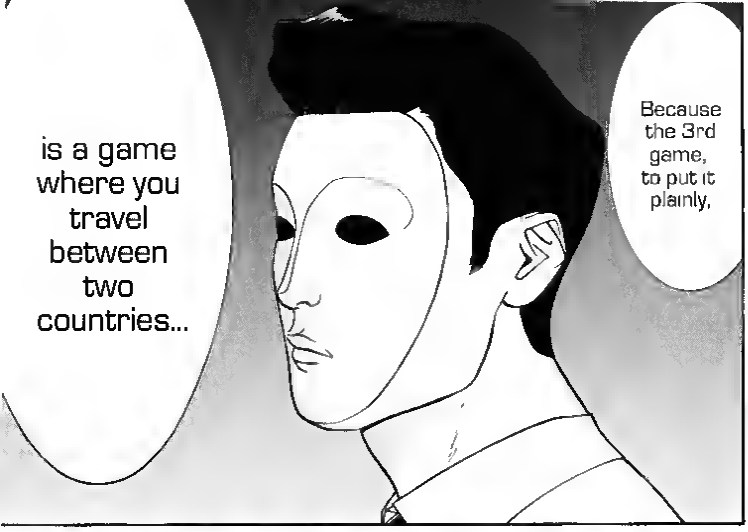
THEY'RE SENDING US OVER-SEAS?!
Could it be because..


It wouldn't be surprising if they had some kinda secret route
to ship people out of the country!!

YOU DON'T KNOW THAT!!
Don't be ridiculous! We don't have passports, let alone baggage.
THIS IS SOME STRANGE ORGANI-ZATION WE'RE DEALING WITH!!

this place couldn't be more fitting.

Hee hee hee
I'm not allowed to say any more, but
Are you flying us out of the country?
Is that true?


Because the 3rd game, to put it plainly,
is a game where you travel between two countries...

Too nervous to walk?
Hee hee hee
ズサ…
Please follow me
We will now guide you inside

we will treat it as your desire to withdraw from this game.
If you feel like turning around now, that's fine However,

Because you came from the Revival Round failure to proceed to the next round incurs a penalty of 100 million and removal from the game.
What?
Desire to withdraw...??

Please
make a decision now!
He's right
It's written in friggin' microscopic letters and all packed into one space!!
Dammit!!
Refer to the back of your invitation to this round Within article 113, "desire to withdraw" is clearly defined
You never said anything about that!!
100 millllon !?
Why sure we did
Everything was clearly explained.

Will you proceed to the stage
or withdraw from the game?
I can't pay 100 million
Not like I have a choice.
Eh!?
Damn.. I'll go...
This is the place.
CHIBA
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SOUTHERN COUNTRY
SOUTHERN COUNTRY
CHINA
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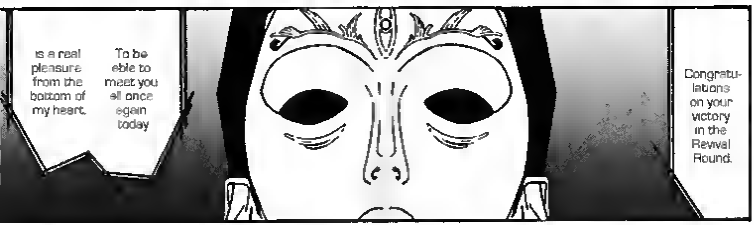
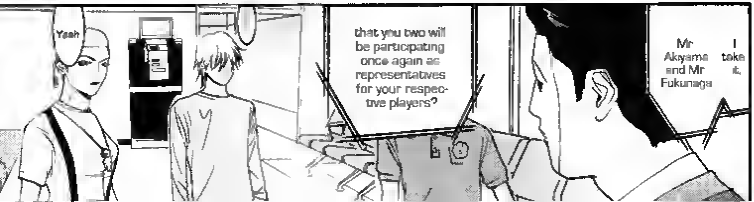
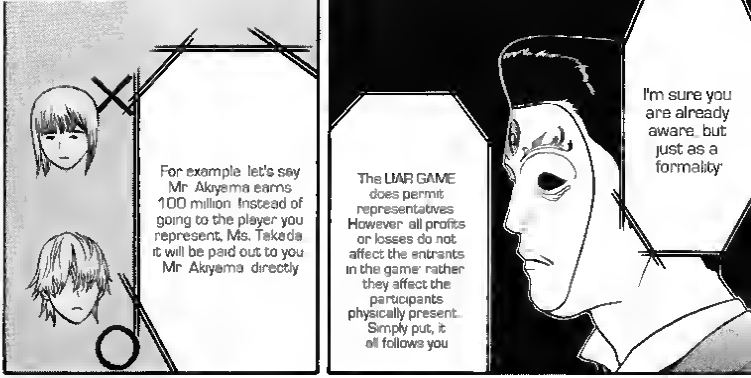
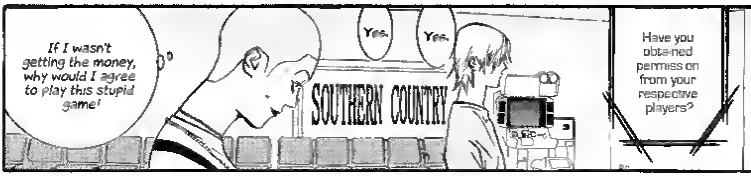
-thern...
Welcome, ladies and gentlemen!

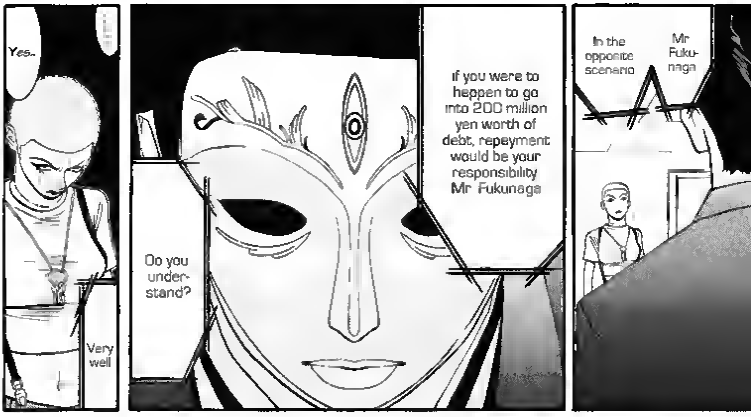
Welcome to the stage of the LIAR GAME'S 3rd round!

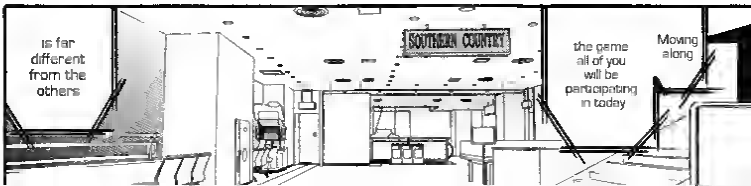

Congratulations on your victory in the Revival Round.
To be able to meet you all once again today is a real pleasure from the bottom of my heart.

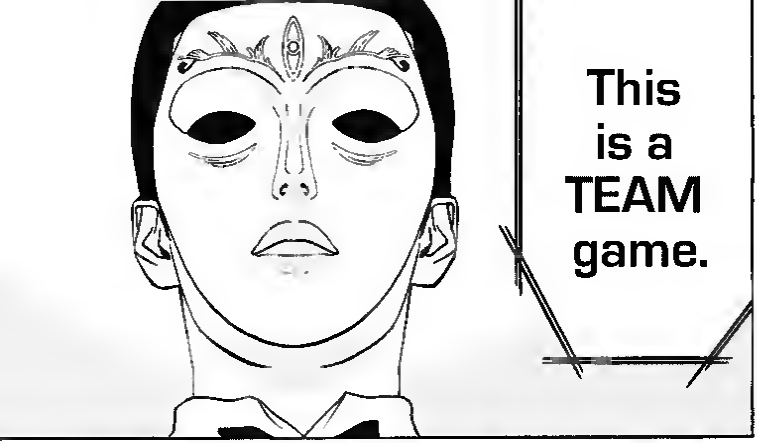

Mr Akiyama and Mr Fukunaga that you two will be participating once again as representatives for your respective players?
I take it.
Yeah

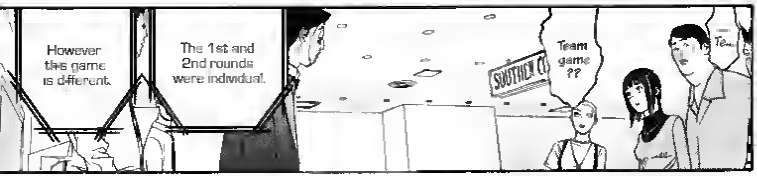

I'm sure you are already aware, but just as a formality
The LIAR GAME does permit representatives However all profits or losses do not affect the entrants in the game rather they affect the participants physically present. Simply put, it all follows you
For example let's say Mr Akiyama earns 100 million Instead of going to the player you represent, Ms. Takeda it will be paid out to you Mr Akiyama directly


Have you obtained permission from your respective players?
Yes.
Yes.
SOUTHERN COUNTRY
If I wasn't getting the money, why would I agree to play this stupid game!

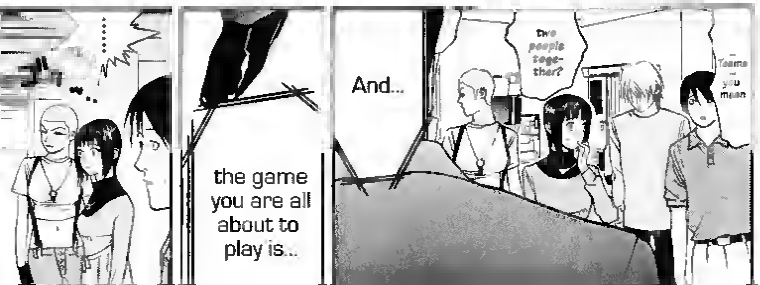

Mr Fukunaga
In the opposite scenario
If you were to happen to go into 200 million yen worth of debt, repayment would be your responsibility Mr Fukunaga
Do you understand?
Yes.
Very well


Moving along
the game all of you will be participating in today
SOUTHERN COUNTRY
is far different from the others

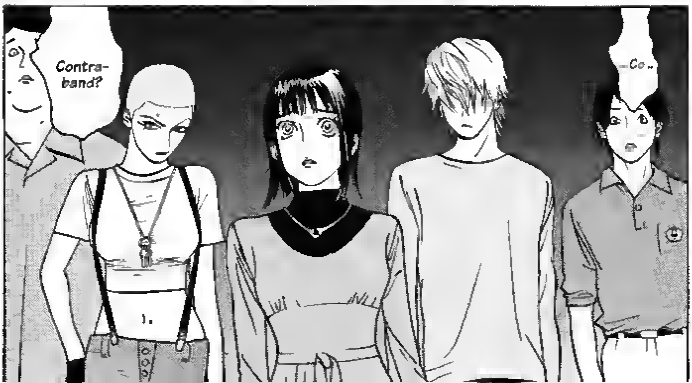

This is a TEAM game.


However this game is different.
The 1st and 2nd rounds were individual.
SMOTHER
Team game ??
Te...

It will be decided between teams.


the game you are all about to play is...
And...
two people together?
Teams - you mean

the "CONTRA-BAND GAME"!


Contra-band?
Co...

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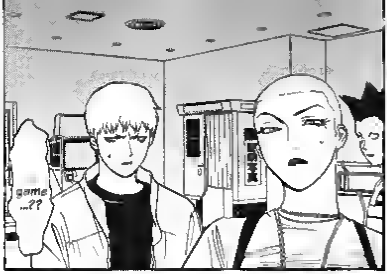
Contraband

SOUTHERN COUNTRY


game ...??

...Con-tra-band

Heeheehee How nd culous
Crime?
So we ARE being sent overseas and getting forced to become partners in crime!?

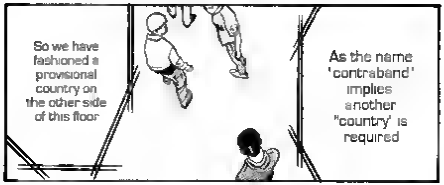
Rest assured that we are not sending anyone abroad
Although I did say "contraband" this is only a game

COUNTRY
Until just recently this location served as an immigration inspection office for all incoming international flights.

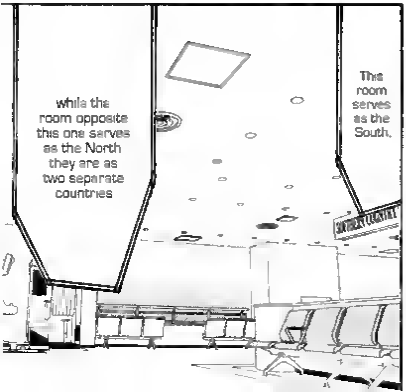
The stage for the 3rd round
!!
is this floor and this floor alone.

Even though this place wasn't being used, they were somehow able to reserve an entire immigration office? Exactly how large is this organization anyway?!
Next week, this place is scheduled to be demolished
Well it's nothing more than a remnant of what it used to be

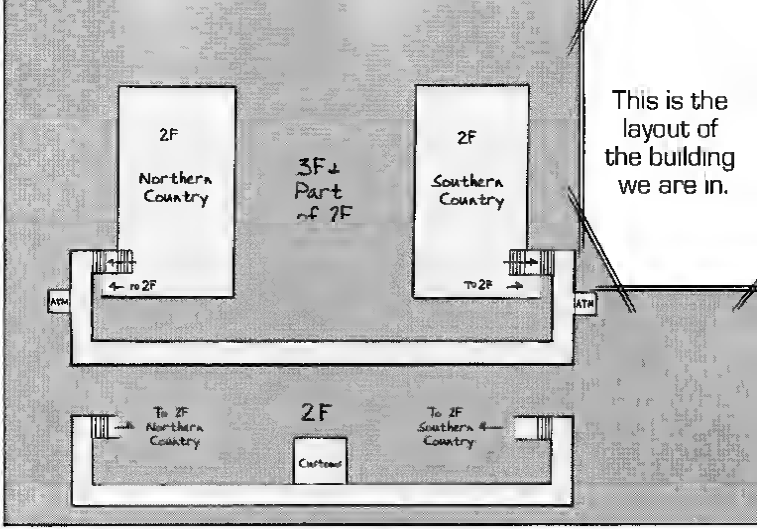
AH!!
!!
Have a look through that window

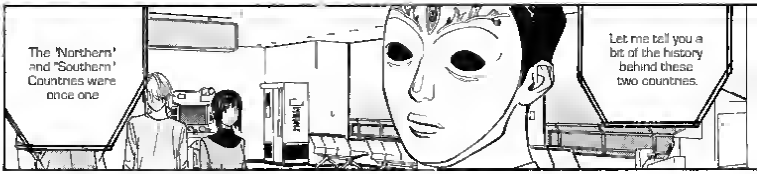

So we have fashioned a provisional country on the other side of this floor
As the name 'contraband' implies another "country" is required

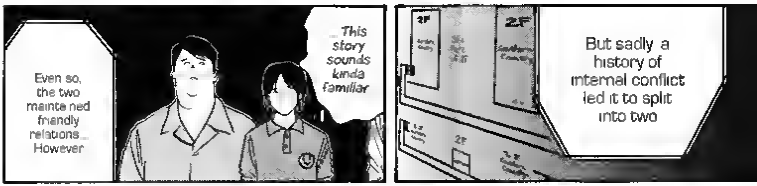
But it says "NORTHERN COUNTRY"...?
He's right!!
There's a duplicate room that looks exactly like this one!!


while the room opposite this one serves as the North they are as two separate countries
This room serves as the South.
NORTHERN COUNTRY

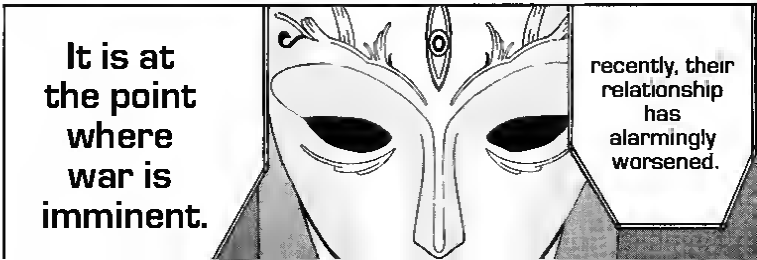
Exactly
Oh, hey! It says "SOUTHERN COUNTRY" on our end!
SOUTH


2F
Northern Country
3F↓ Part of 2F
2F
Southern Country
This is the layout of the building we are in.
ATM
← to 2F
To 2F →
ATM
To 2F Northern Country
2F
To 2F Southern Country
Cafeteria

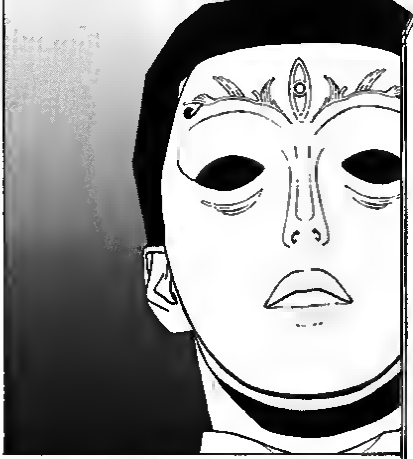

The 'Northern' and 'Southern' Countries were once one
Let me tell you a bit of the history behind these two countries.


Even so, the two maintained friendly relations... However
...This story sounds kinda familiar
2F
2F
But sadly a history of internal conflict led it to split into two

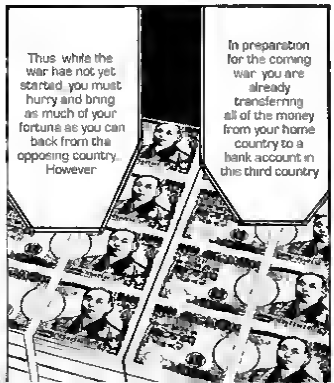
(T/N - Korea?)

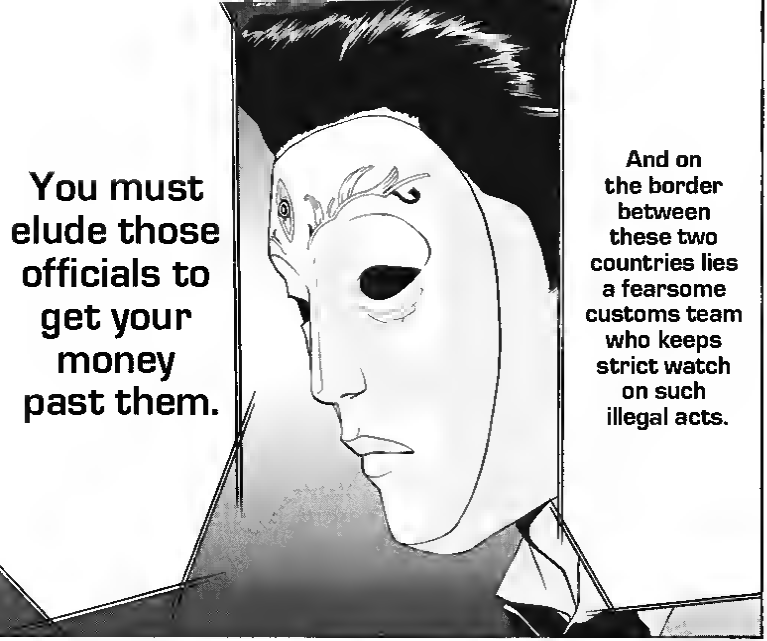

It is at the point where war is imminent.
recently, their relationship has alarmingly worsened.

The party leaders have been meeting as a last resort, but it's only a matter of time before their talks fall through. In short,
You do know it's just the setting for the game, right?
That's awful!
War!?
between the "Northern" and "Southern" countries.
within the next 72 hours, war will break out
!!
and have amassed a substantial fortune in the other country.
!!
This poses a huge problem for all of you because you are traders.
So that is why.
As things stand, you would be seeing all of that money taken right from under your noses.
Exactly right.
that money will be seen as belonging to the enemy, so the opposing government will just confiscate it all.
Clearly.
If the war starts, what do you suppose will happen to all that money you've left over there?



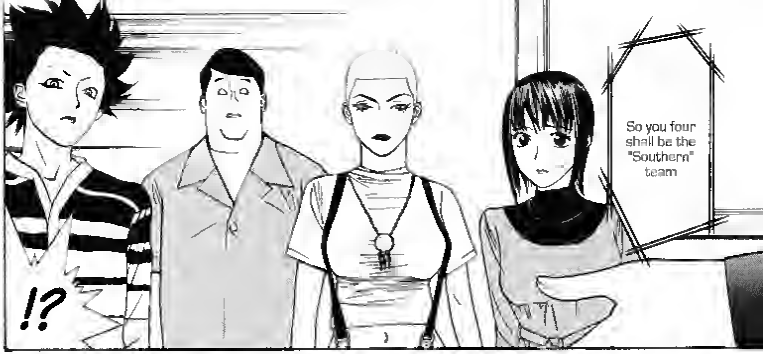
before the war begins, it is your job to get as much of that money as you can out of the country and into a third one.

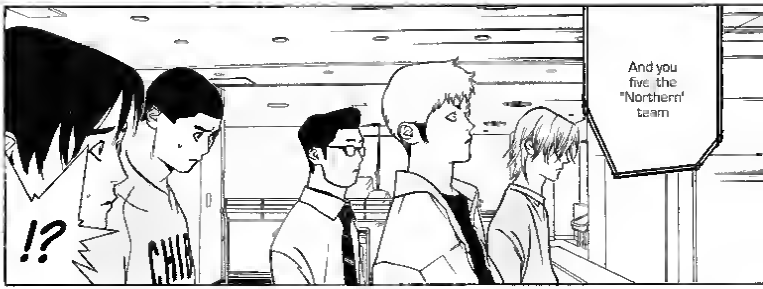

Thus while the war has not yet started, you must hurry and bring as much of your fortune as you can back from the opposing country. However
In preparation for the coming war you are already transferring all of the money from your home country to a bank account in this third country

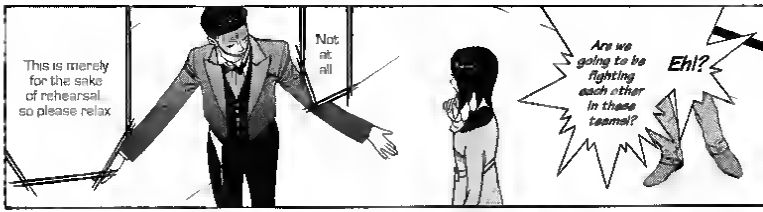

You must elude those officials to get your money past them.
And on the border between these two countries lies a fearsome customs team who keeps strict watch on such illegal acts.

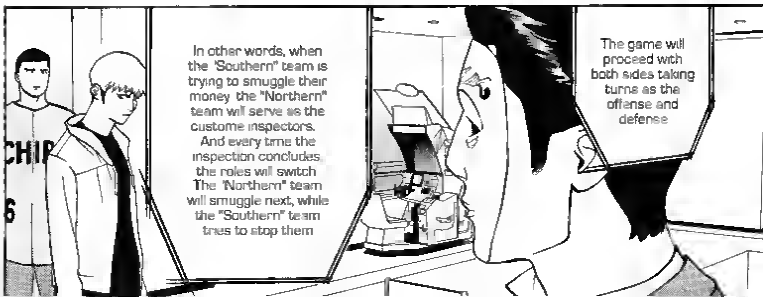
That's why this is the 'contraband' game...
...I get it.

Just as a little rehearsal of course
That's why we'll try it out.
...That's it for the explanation However I'm sure you may still not quite understand


So you four shall be the "Southern" team
!?


And you five the "Northern" team
!?

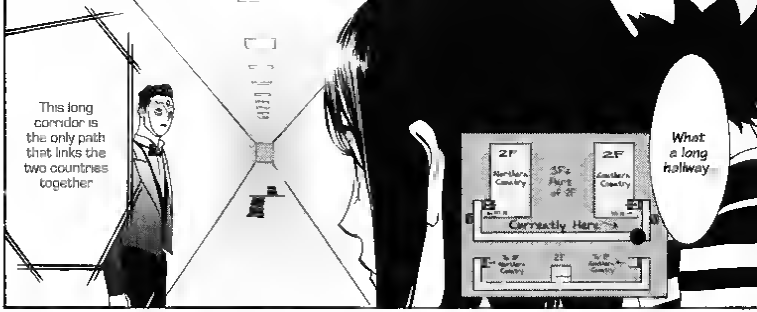

This is merely for the sake of rehearsal, so please relax
Not at all
Are we going to be fighting each other in these teams!?
Eh!?


In other words, when the "Southern" team is trying to smuggle their money the "Northern" team will serve as the custome inspectors. And every time the inspection concludes, the roles will switch The "Northern" team will smuggle next, while the "Southern" team tries to stop them
The game will proceed with both sides taking turns as the offense and defense

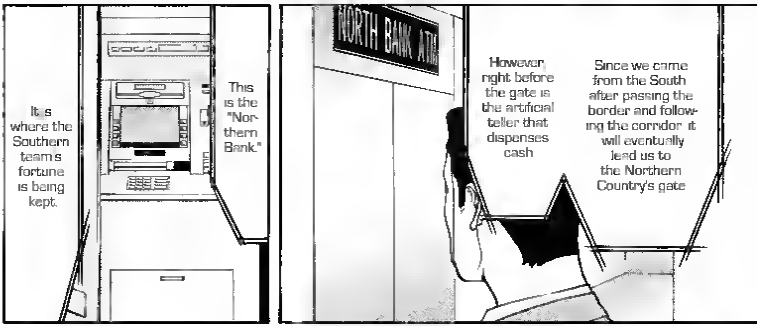
Why don't we let the "Southern" team here go first?
You need to select a person who will do the smuggling
It matters not who.
Decide by rock, paper scissors, or by raffle.
Should you so choose, you could even select an order in which everyone will go.
The point is, you can use whatever method you like. Please select someone.

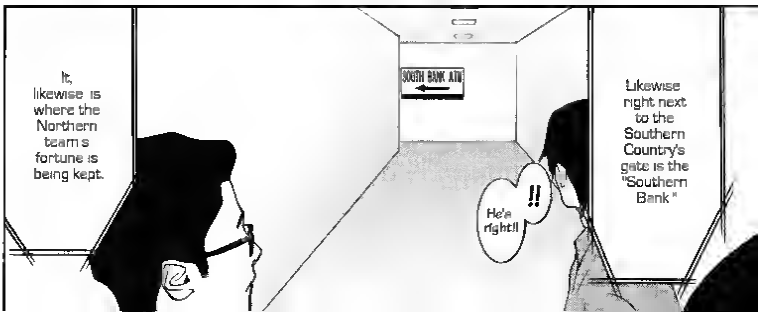
...Then
I'll go.

At the start, each player will receive a trunk like this one
The player selected as smuggler will take their trunk and head toward the international border to travel into the neighboring country
Now then would everyone please follow me?

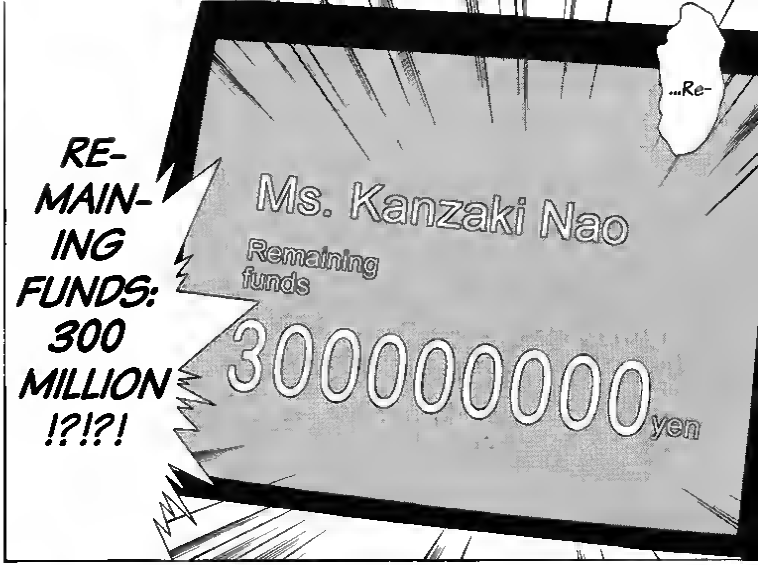

This long corridor is the only path that links the two countries together
What a long hallway...
2F Northern Country
3F's Part of 2F
2F Southern Country
Currently Here
2F
3F Northern Country
3F Southern Country

This border marks the division between the "Northern" and "Southern" parts
Yes
NORTHERN COUNTRY
Ah!
It's the border.
SOUTHERN COUNTRY

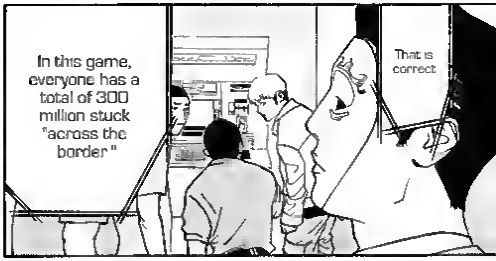

It is where the Southern team's fortune is being kept.
This is the "Northern Bank."
NORTH BANK ATM
However, right before the gate is the artificial teller that dispenses cash
Since we came from the South after passing the border and following the corridor it will eventually lead us to the Northern Country's gate


It, likewise is where the Northern team's fortune is being kept.
SOUTH BANK ATM
He's right!!
!!
Likewise right next to the Southern Country's gate is the "Southern Bank."

On the way here, I gave you a card, did I not?
Oh...
The same way as with any ordinary ATM. You insert your card and select what you wish to withdraw
?
Um, how do we withdraw the money?
The smuggler will withdraw funds from the bank and place them in the trunk to take back to their country
This?
Kanzaki Nao
Screen!?
The screen—
?
CHIRP
What's wrong?!
Oooohhh...
.....
!!
Try placing the card into the machine.
...o-Okay...


...Re-
Ms. Kanzaki Nao
Remaining funds
300000000yen
RE-MAIN-ING FUNDS: 300 MILLION !?!?!

No not just 300 million
Up until now we've always had 100 million, but suddenly it's 300??


In this game, everyone has a total of 300 million stuck "across the border"
That is correct

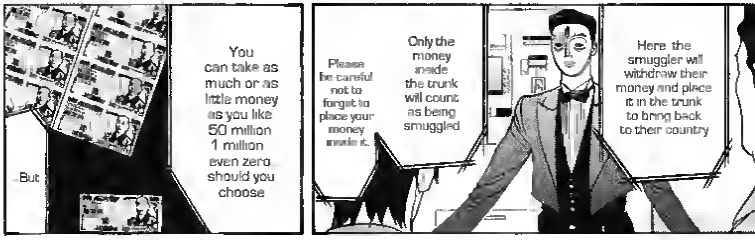
!!
That amount is 100 million
I briefly touched on it earlier but everyone has already transferred some of their funds to a third country

That is the money you have for this stage of the game.
In total, there's 400 million per player.

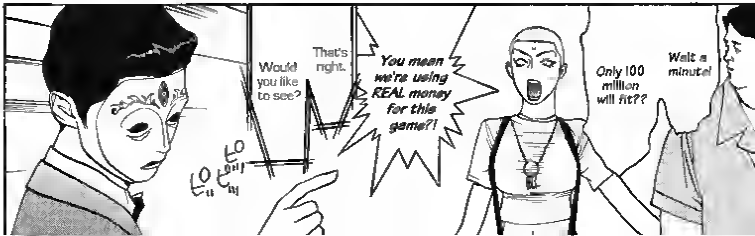
Simply put
Hee hee hee
Before you had 100 million but now it's 400

Every-one knew
that having four times the money also meant
Hee hee hee
Hee hee hee
CHIBA
Not a single person was happy to hear that we could "quadruple our money."
you have the chance to quadruple your money!

having four times the risk...

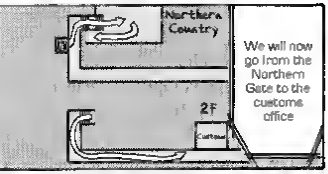

But
You can take as much or as little money as you like 50 million 1 million even zero should you choose
Please be careful not to forget to place your money inside it.
Only the money inside the trunk will count as being smuggled
Here the smuggler will withdraw their money and place it in the trunk to bring back to their country

So withdrawing any more than that is a pointless endeavor
this trunk is designed so that only 100 million will fit at most

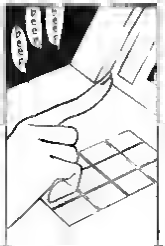

Would you like to see?
That's right.
You mean we're using REAL money for this game?!
Only 100 million will fit??
Wait a minute!

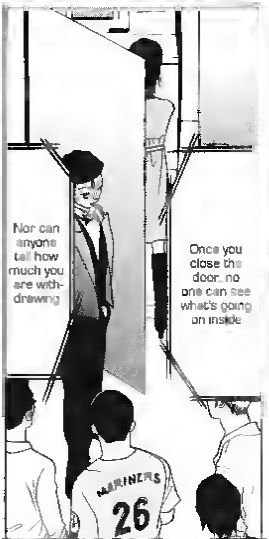
Okay
...O...
Please take as much as you'd like
Well then Ms. Kanzaki
It's real...

Then, it's time to smuggle
I'm done.


Northern Country
2F
Customs
We will now go from the Northern Gate to the customs office

NORTHERN COUNTRY


Good.


Nor can anyone tell how much you are withdrawing
Once you close the door, no one can see what's going on inside
MARINERS
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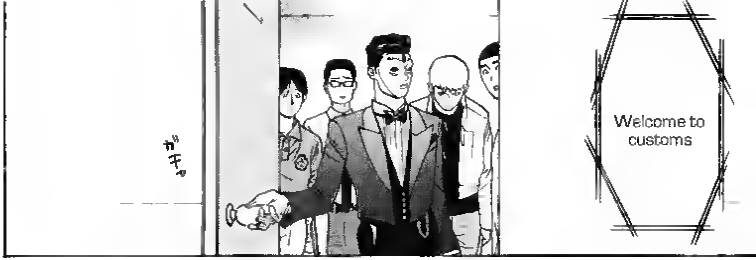
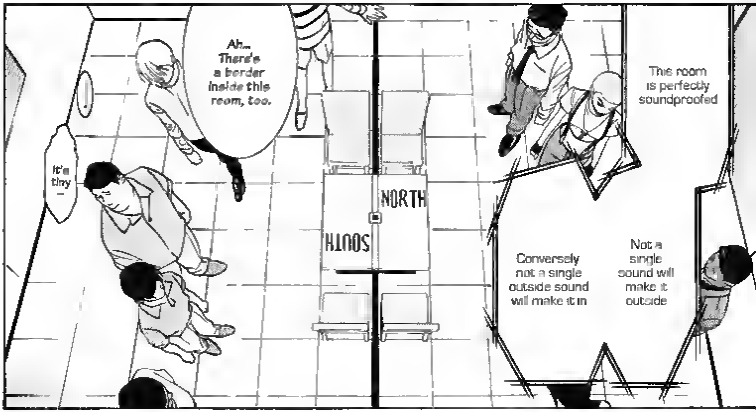
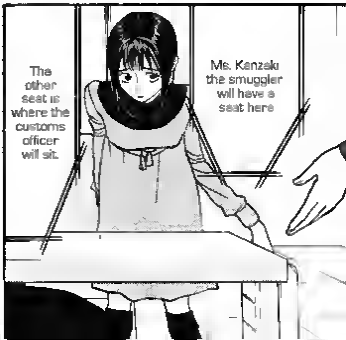

Welcome to customs


Ah... There's a border inside this room, too.
It's tiny —
NORTH
SOUTH
This room is perfectly soundproofed
Not a single sound will make it outside
Conversely not a single outside sound will make it in

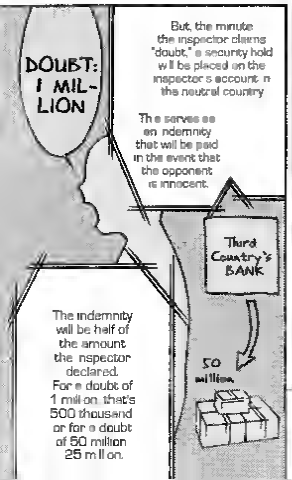
Only from the outside is everything completely visible.
It's a one-way mirror
I'm guessing no one can see through this window either?

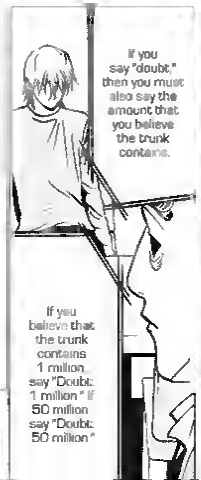
Just as with selecting a smuggler you can choose however you like
Would the northern team please select a customs inspector for us?
CHIBA

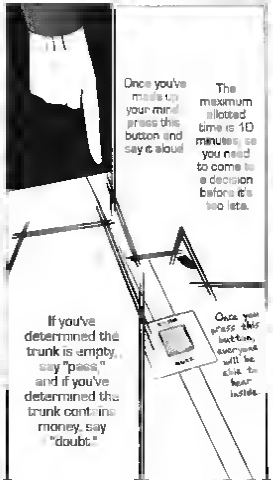

The other seat is where the customs officer will sit.
Ms. Kanzaki the smuggler will have a seat here

I'll do it.
Then

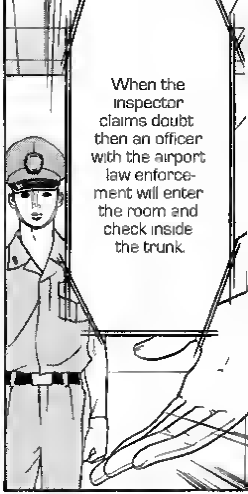
The only limitation is that you are not allowed to touch the trunk whatsoever
You can ask questions or simply observe their body language and facial expression.
It is the inspector's job to determine whether or not smuggling is being perpetrated
This room is intended to give the inspector and the smuggler privacy

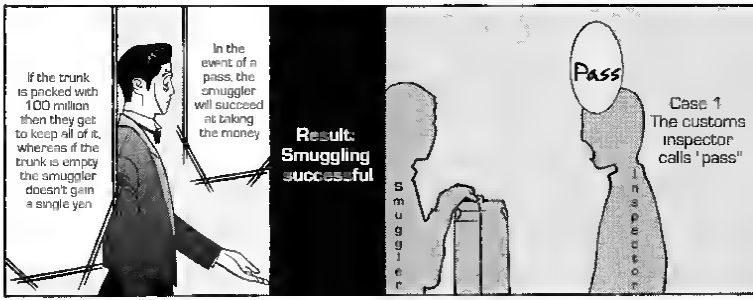

DOUBT: 1 MILLION
But, the minute the inspector claims "doubt," a security hold will be placed on the inspector's account in the neutral country
This serves as an indemnity that will be paid in the event that the opponent is innocent.
Third Country's BANK
50 million
The indemnity will be half of the amount the inspector declared. For a doubt of 1 million, that's 500 thousand or for a doubt of 50 million 25 million.

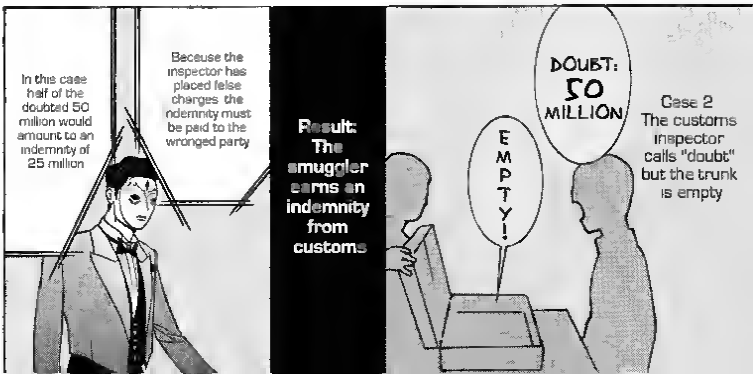

If you say "doubt," then you must also say the amount that you believe the trunk contains.
If you believe that the trunk contains 1 million, say "Doubt: 1 million." If 50 million say "Doubt: 50 million."

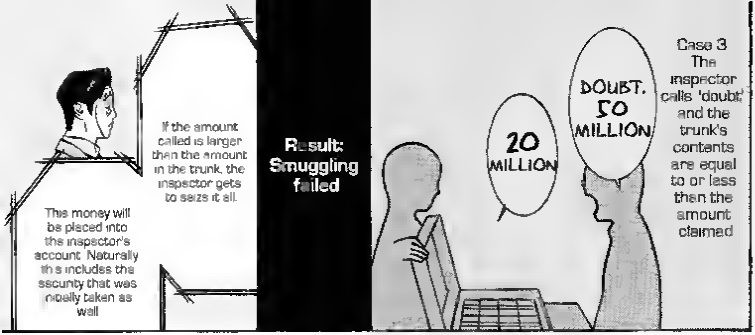

Once you've made up your mind press this button and say it aloud
The maximum allotted time is 10 minutes, so you need to come to a decision before it's too late.
If you've determined the trunk is empty, say "pass," and if you've determined the trunk contains money, say "doubt."
Once you press this button, everyone will be able to hear inside.

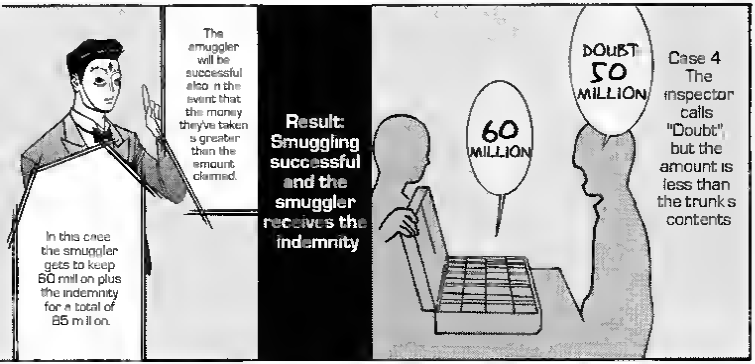
Now
the time has come for the actual match.


When the inspector claims doubt then an officer with the airport law enforcement will enter the room and check inside the trunk.


If the trunk is packed with 100 million then they get to keep all of it, whereas if the trunk is empty the smuggler doesn't gain a single yen
In the event of a pass, the smuggler will succeed at taking the money
Result: Smuggling successful
Pass
Case 1
The customs inspector calls 'pass"
Smuggler
Inspector


In this case half of the doubted 50 million would amount to an indemnity of 25 million
Because the inspector has placed false charges the ndemnity must be paid to the wronged party
Result: The smuggler earns an indemnity from customs
DOUBT: 50 MILLION
EMPTY!
Case 2
The customs inspector calls "doubt" but the trunk is empty


The money will be placed into the inspector's account. Naturally this includes the security that was initially taken as well
If the amount called is larger than the amount in the trunk, the inspector gets to seize it all.
Result: Smuggling failed
20 MILLION
DOUBT. 50 MILLION
Case 3 The inspector calls 'doubt' and the trunk's contents are equal to or less than the amount claimed

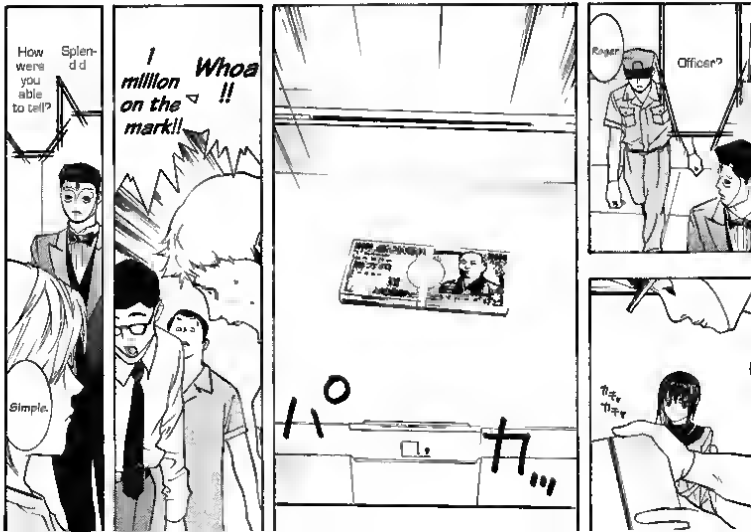

In this case the smuggler gets to keep 50 million plus the indemnity for a total of 85 million.
The smuggler will be successful also in the event that the money they've taken is greater than the amount claimed.
Result: Smuggling successful and the smuggler receives the indemnity
60 MILLION
DOUBT 50 MILLION
Case 4 The inspector calls "Doubt", but the amount is less than the trunk's contents

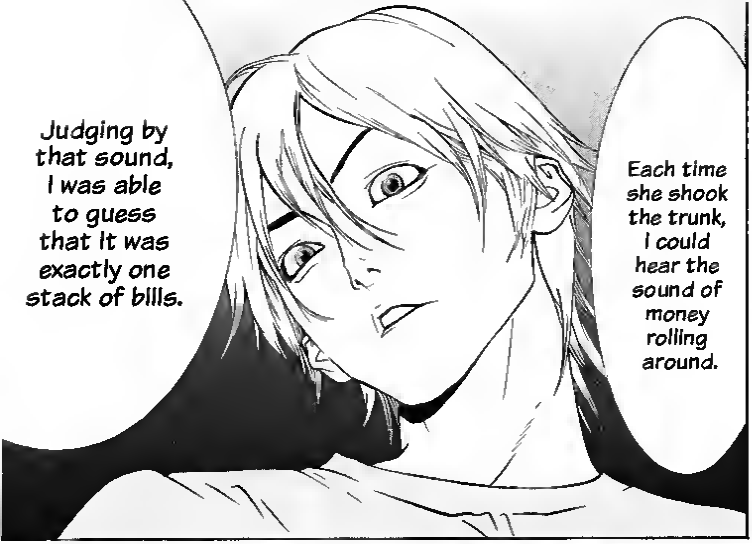
Why don't we try it out for ourselves?
Case 4 blows for the inspector adding insult to injury...
Hmph.

I don't even need em.
You may now inspect this young lady You have 10 minutes
Mr Akiyama

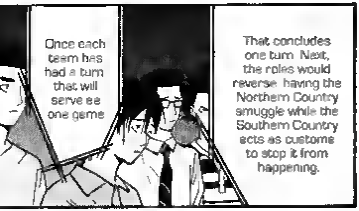
Doubt:
1
million.

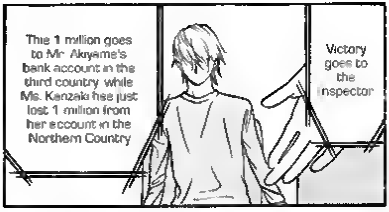
CHIBA
!!


How were you able to tell?
Splen-
d d
Simple.
1 million on the mark!!
Whoa !!
Roger.
Officer?

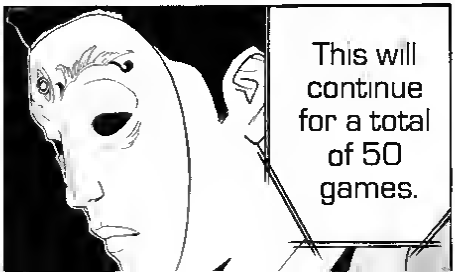

Judging by that sound, I was able to guess that it was exactly one stack of bills.
Each time she shook the trunk, I could hear the sound of money rolling around.

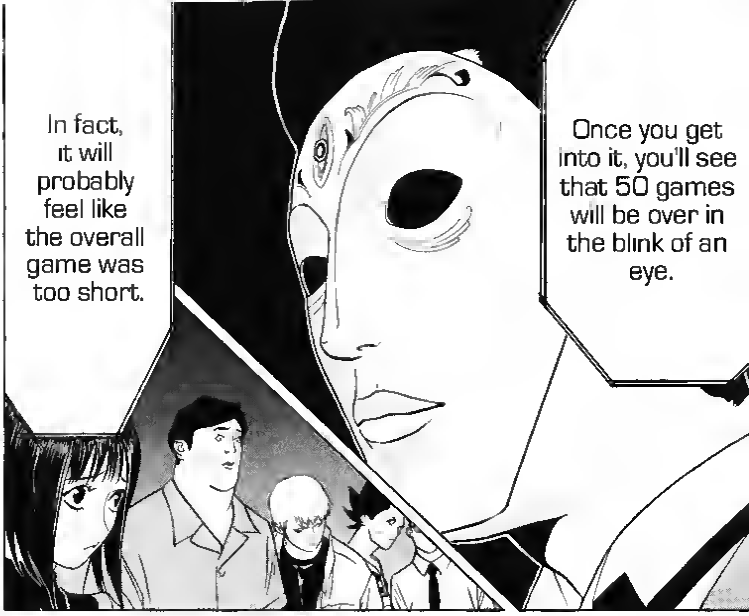
Remarkable
...Ah.


Once each team has had a turn that will serve as one game
That concludes one turn. Next, the roles would reverse, having the Northern Country smuggle while the Southern Country acts as customs to stop it from happening.


The 1 million goes to Mr. Akyama's bank account in the third country while Ms. Kanzaki has just lost 1 million from her account in the Northern Country
Victory goes to the inspector

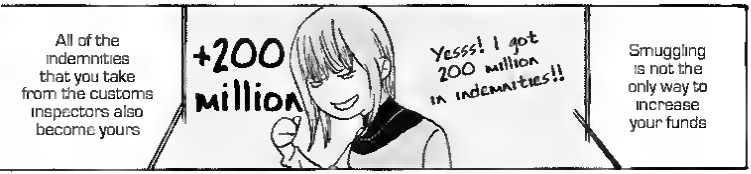
That's LONG !!
50 GAMES ?!
Go to the opposite

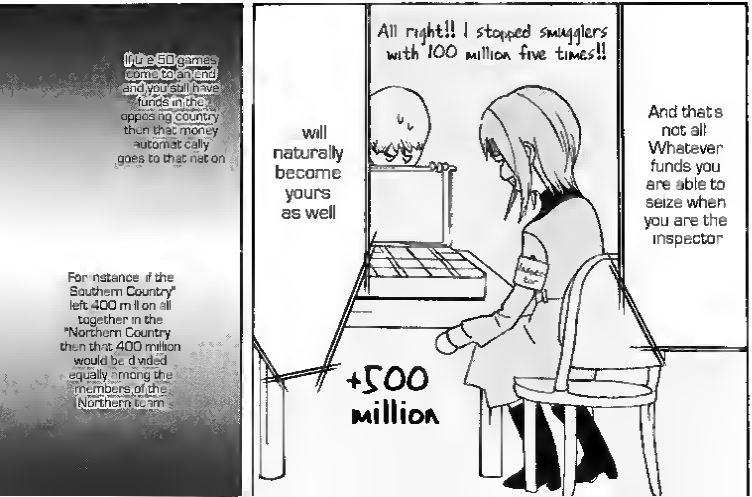

This will continue for a total of 50 games.


In fact, it will probably feel like the overall game was too short.
Once you get into it, you'll see that 50 games will be over in the blink of an eye.

And as for your individual prize money
Whether your team wins or loses the amount in your personal bank account will be entirely yours
At the end of the 50 games the whole team's players will have their individual accounts combined, and the country with the higher sum will become the winner
It will be your job, ladies and gentlemen, to get as much money as possible out of the opposing nation and into your outside bank account within the limited number of games

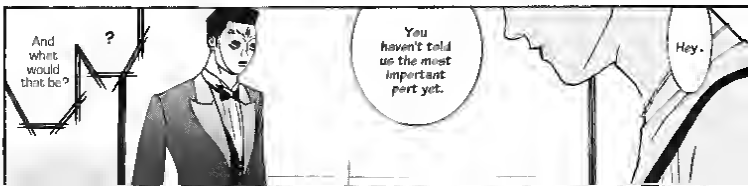
!!
For example, if Ms Kanzaki was able to smuggle all 300 million out of the opposing country, then including what's already in her bank account, she would get to keep 400 million.

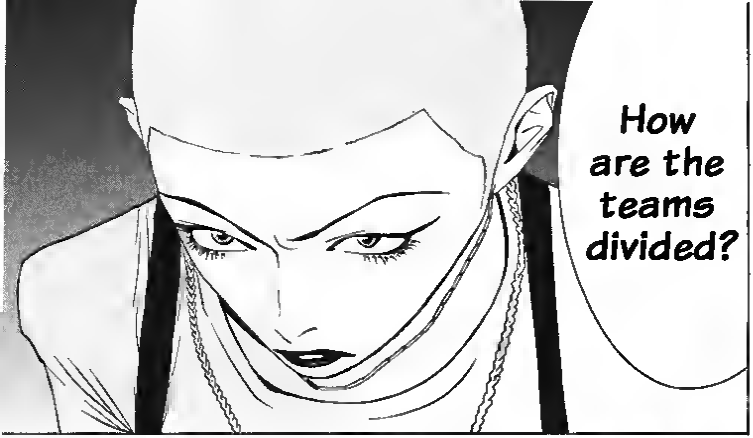

All of the indemnities that you take from the customs inspectors also become yours
+200 million
Yesss! I got 200 million in indemnities!!
Smuggling is not the only way to increase your funds

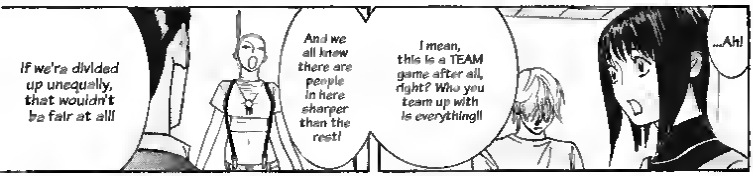

If the 50 games come to an end and you still have funds in the opposing country then that money automatically goes to that nation
For instance if the Southern Country left 400 million all together in the Northern Country then that 400 million would be divided equally among the members of the Northern team
All right!! I stopped smugglers with 100 million five times!!
will naturally become yours as well
And that's not all Whatever funds you are able to seize when you are the inspector
+500 million

Smuggled +300
Indemnities +200
Smuggling averted +500
Money left behind by the northern country +200
Amount loaned at start -400
+800 million
And there you have it!! You stand to win an amount of money incomparable to that of either of the prior rounds!!
But even so, now is your BIG CHANCE to win 500 million, 600 million... Maybe even up to 1 BILLION YEN!!
Of course the 400 million that was allotted to you will be recollected at the end of the game

as they like this


And what would that be?
?
You haven't told us the most important part yet.
Hey.


How are the teams divided?


...Ah!
I mean, this is a TEAM game after all, right? Who you team up with is everything!!
And we all know there are people in here sharper than the rest!
If we're divided up unequally, that wouldn't be fair at all!

Fukunaga is completely right.
This is a team game.
There may be complicated rules, but that's not the most important part.
Who is on your team
is the most important factor of all.
Well the fact s
I haven't made any mention about the teams have I?
Hee hee n- died

We've already decided... on the teams.
!?
First for the 'Southern Country'...
Now now I'm getting to that.
WHO'S ON WHAT TEAM?!!!
TELL US!!
ピ キ ン
The members shall be
Oh, please, let me be on Mr Akiyama's team
Please let me be on Mr Akiyama's team

!!
the nine of you here right now!!

w-w-
WAIT A MINUTE !!
Chill out!!
YAY!! I'm on Mr. Akiyama's team!!

!?
They are over here.
If all of us are the Southern Team, then what about the Northern Team...!?!

They will be your opponents for this round.
These nine comprise the "Northern Country."

The Rules of the Contraband Game

1 The CONTRABAND GAME is team based

1.1 There are two teams called the "Northern" and "Southern" countries.

1.1.1 Each team is comprised of 9 players.

1.2 Each team will elect one smuggler and one inspector. The smuggler attempts to pass his or her money over the border while the inspector's job is to prevent that from happening.

1.2.1 After one turn the teams switch their respective roles. Two turns make one game.

1.2.2 The entire round is complete after a total of 50 games have passed

2 Each smuggler has a bank account of 300 million yen in the opposing country and their goal is to get it back

2.1 A smuggler is allowed to carry anywhere from 0 to 100 million yen in one turn

2.2 All of the money that is successfully smuggled out will be transferred to the smuggler's bank account in an outside country

3 The inspector's job is to examine the smuggler to determine if smuggling is taking place and if so prevent it

3.1 If the inspector suspects smuggling is taking place, he or she should declare "doubt" along with the estimated amount.

3.1.1 The moment the inspector does so half of the amount declared will be taken as a security

3.1.2 The security is taken from the inspector's bank account in the outside country

3.1.3 To have enough funds to cover such securities, each player already has 100 million yen in a personal bank account outside the country

3.1.1 An inspector cannot declare doubt on any amount that requires a security of more than what is in his or her outside bank account

3.2 If the amount declared matches or exceeds the amount being smuggled, the inspector wins and the smuggling attempt is thwarted. The money the smuggler was carrying is seized and deposited into the inspector's outside bank account. The security initially taken is also returned to the account

3.2.1 If doubt is declared but the smuggler is not carrying any money (the scenario with 0 yen) the security is given to the smuggler and placed into their outside bank account.

3.2.2 If the declared amount is less than the amount being carried the smuggler wins and all of the money is placed into their outside bank account. The security also becomes theirs and is likewise added to the account

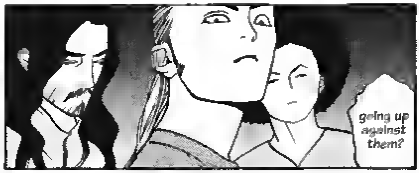
3.2.3 If the inspector determines that no money is being smuggled, he or she should declare "pass."

3.2.3.1 However if pass is declared and the smuggler is carrying money the sum automatically goes to his or her outside bank account

4 Victory is determined by the sum of the entire team's individual bank accounts outside the country at the end of the round. The team with the higher sum is the winner

4.1 Any leftover money that was not smuggled goes to the opponents team and is divided equally among the entire team's 9 members.

4.2 After that, each player's outside bank account will have the initial 400 million yen loaned to them deducted and the remaining value will become his or her prize money


going up against them?

We're —

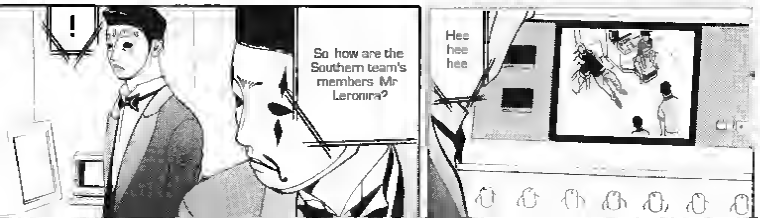
Now then, ladies and gentlemen! In one hour,
the Liar Game's 3rd round, the "Contraband Game," will commence!!

I will be a dealer during this round along with Leonine. My name is Nearco
Ah, my apologies
...W-Who're you??
!!

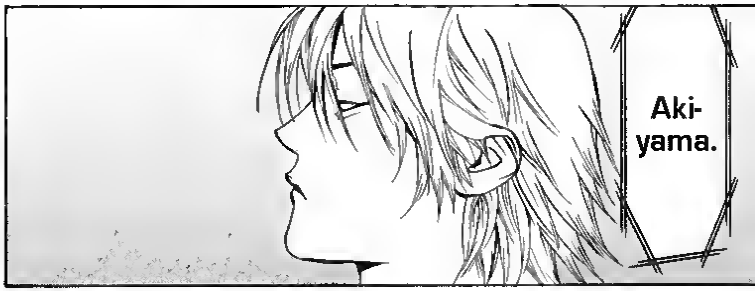
See you all in one hour
Everyone, combine your strengths as you aim for victory!
The Southern Country shall begin the offensive and thereafter the teams will swap roles for a total of 50 games.
Once all 50 have been completed the team with the greater total sum in its outside bank accounts shall become the winner

SOUTHERN COUNTRY
You saw them?
The Northern team, I mean.

Sigh... All of a sudden, it's a team game against a bunch of thugs!
They sure don't seem like the type to care whether everyone can be saved or not.
Sheesh!
And here I was thinking Nao's no-fail plan from the Revival Round was going to save us all, no matter what kinda game it would be.
Looked like a bunch of punks to me.
Sure did.
We're supposed to fight a gang?


!
So how are the Southern team's members Mr Leronira?
Hee hee hee

But in terms of intelligence there's someone who far surpasses him and that's this man.
Heartless? Oho. That's great.
he's heartless.
But above all
This player Fukunaga has both a sharp wit and physical strength



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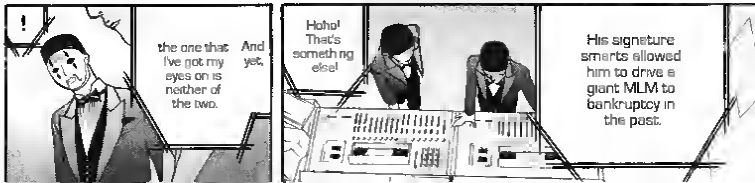
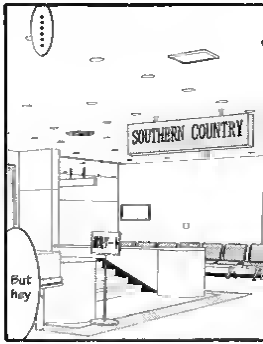

!
the one that I've got my eyes on is neither of the two.
And yet,
Hoho! That's something else!
His signature smarts allowed him to drive a giant MLM to bankruptcy in the past.

Kanzaki Nao.
It's that girl,
Ahaha ha!
She's no genius by any means
No matter how you cut it, she doesn't seem to be the sharpest tool in the shed.
Excuse me...? Are you joking?
I see.
But I'm not sure why
the opposing team is far too strong
her "outside nature" seems to exert influence in unexpected ways throughout the game.
And yet,
Rather she's clumsy and airheaded
It's almost like she's the outsider of the group
Yokoya was it...?
Hee hee hee
around Yokoya
Because that team pivots

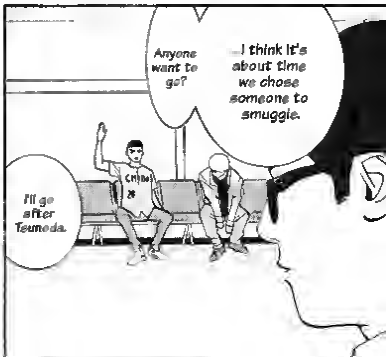
Yokoya is certainly
a fearsome individual.

Even if the team wins with over a billion... looking at how each player has their own bank account, there's sure to be someone who loses big.
Even though they called it a "team" game, it still sounds like a solo one to me.


SOUTHERN COUNTRY
But hey

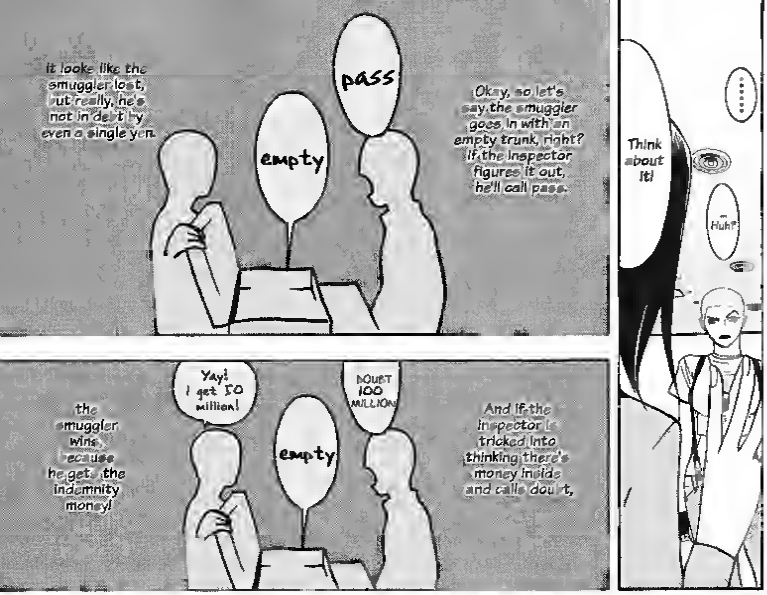
Excuse me.

Huh? What the heck?!
Hey, wait a minute ...!!
Then I'll go after Eda.


Anyone want to go?
I think it's about time we chose someone to smuggle.
I'll go after Tsumeda.

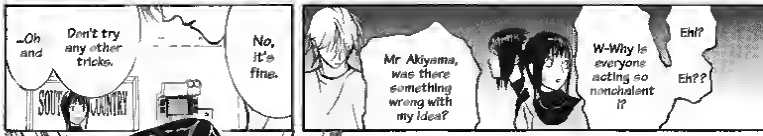
I'm so sorry for being absent during the big strategy meeting.
!?
And where were you??
We were arguing over who has to go first.
So?
Where are we at now with the plan?
...And you do realize you're talking to a guy, right?
I just took care of some girly stuff, y'know?
Aren't you scared??
Eh!? For real!?
It's no problem!
Then, I don't mind going.
Ah.
!?
I realized something big!
Really!?
!!

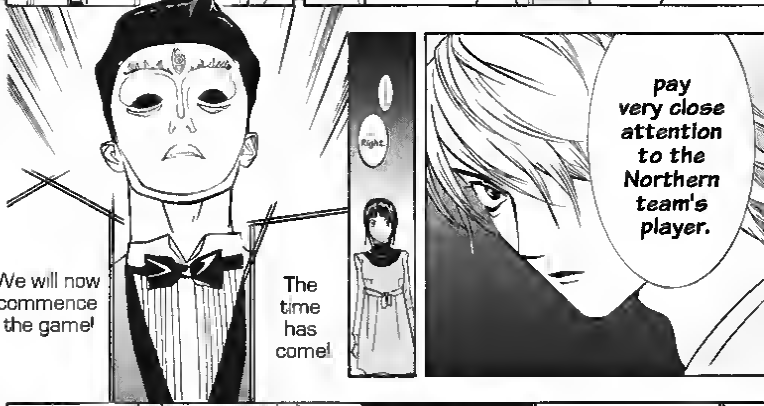
This game has a really easy way to win!!
An easy way to win!!
!?
WHAT IS IT!?
It's simple!
So there's a way to keep the smuggler from losing!
You know how this game is all about the battle between the inspector and the smuggler, right?
What is it??
Not even one yen!
Don't smuggle anything!

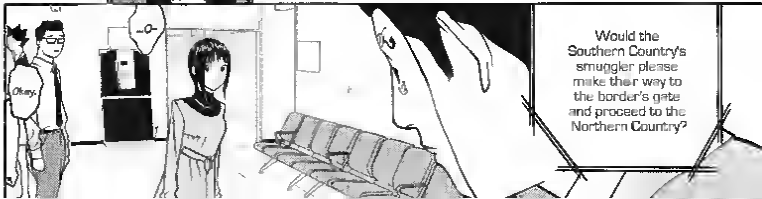

It looks like the smuggler lost, but really, he's not in debt by even a single yen.
pass
empty
Okay, so let's say the smuggler goes in with an empty trunk, right? If the inspector figures it out, he'll call pass.
Think about it!
...Huh?
the smuggler wins, because he gets the indemnity money!
Yay! I get 50 million!
empty
NOUET 100 MILLION
And if the inspector is tricked into thinking there's money inside and calls double,

It's no risk, high return!! How's that!?
So basically, it's no risk at all! If he loses, he's fine, and if he wins, he gets a return!!

Then I guess Nao goes first.
Let's just go with that for now.
Oh, well, not like we have a choice.
EH!? No choice!?


-Oh and
Don't try any other tricks.
No, it's fine.
Mr Akiyama, was there something wrong with my idea?
W-Why is everyone acting so nonchalent !?
Eh!?
Eh??


We will now commence the game!
The time has come!
Right.
pay very close attention to the Northern team's player.


Okay.
-O-
Would the Southern Country's smuggler please make their way to the border's gate and proceed to the Northern Country?

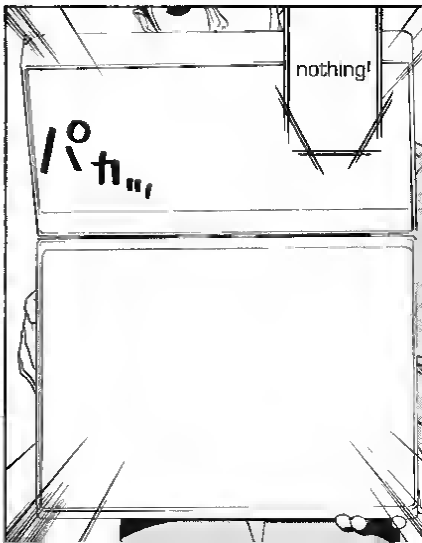
by making it look like I'm carrying tons of money
I have to trick the inspector
Oh that's right!!
You may withdraw your money from here.
AH !!!
Yaah, I can!
Can you see them?
IS TERRIBLE!!
So heavy
H- Heavy
HER ACTING
Is the inspector?
This man

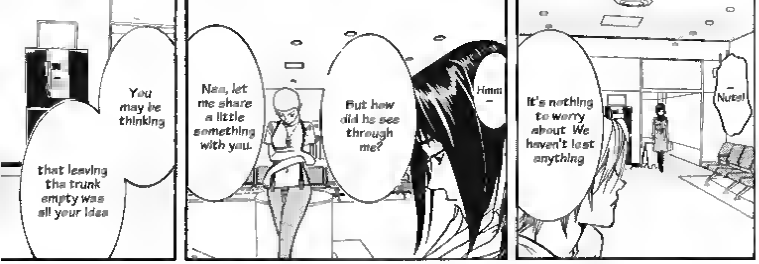
Pass

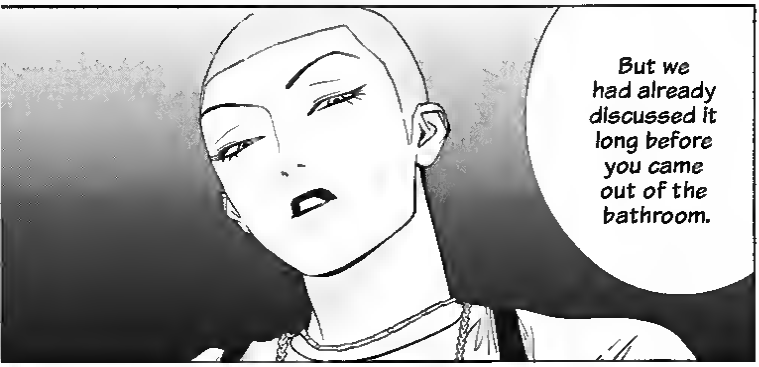
The contents of the trunk are all Ms. Kanzaki Nao's and will go straight to her bank account! But her face is saying that it contains
Aw!

The Northern Country's inspector declared "Pass"!!
AH!!

The Northern Country's inspector has skillfully determined the contents of the trunk!
What a shame. It was zero.

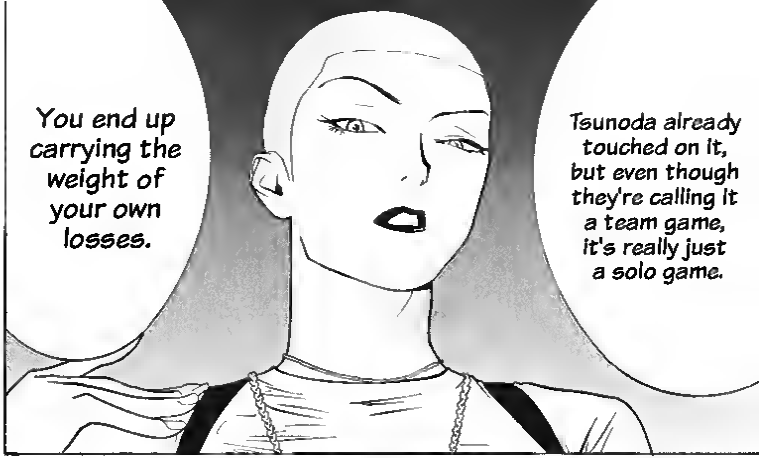

nothing!


You may be thinking
that leaving the trunk empty was all your idea
Naa, let me share a little something with you.
But how did he see through me?
Hmm~
It's nothing to worry about. We haven't lost anything
~Nuts!

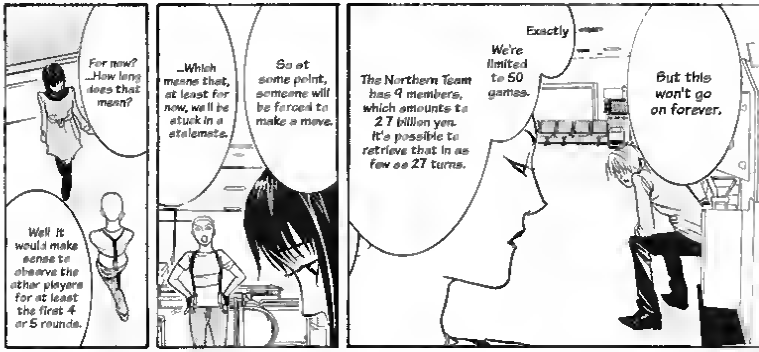

But we had already discussed it long before you came out of the bathroom.

Eh?

It's quite likely that they'll now attempt to try this empty trunk strategy too.
It wasn't due to your terrible acting or anything like that.
and that's why they passed.
So the Northern team must have also thought of it,
That's how low-level an idea it is.
..S-Seriously?


You end up carrying the weight of your own losses.
Tsunoda already touched on it, but even though they're calling it a team game, it's really just a solo game.

...So when you think like that, you come up with the tit-for-tat, no-risk strategy.
And each person only looks out for #1.
That's why no one's willing to take a risk.


For now? ...How long does that mean?
Well it would make sense to observe the other players for at least the first 4 or 5 rounds.
...Which means that, at least for now, we'll be stuck in a stalemate.
So at some point, someone will be forced to make a move.
The Northern Team has 9 members, which amounts to 27 billion yen. It's possible to retrieve that in as few as 27 turns.
Exactly
We're limited to 50 games.
But this won't go on forever.

!
If someone were to move, they'd do it by game 6
In all likelihood,

And me.
Then me!
Then I'm next!
...Talk about immature.
If they're moving by game 6, I might as well get this out of the way now!
Huh? No fair!!
Then I'll be the inspector first!!

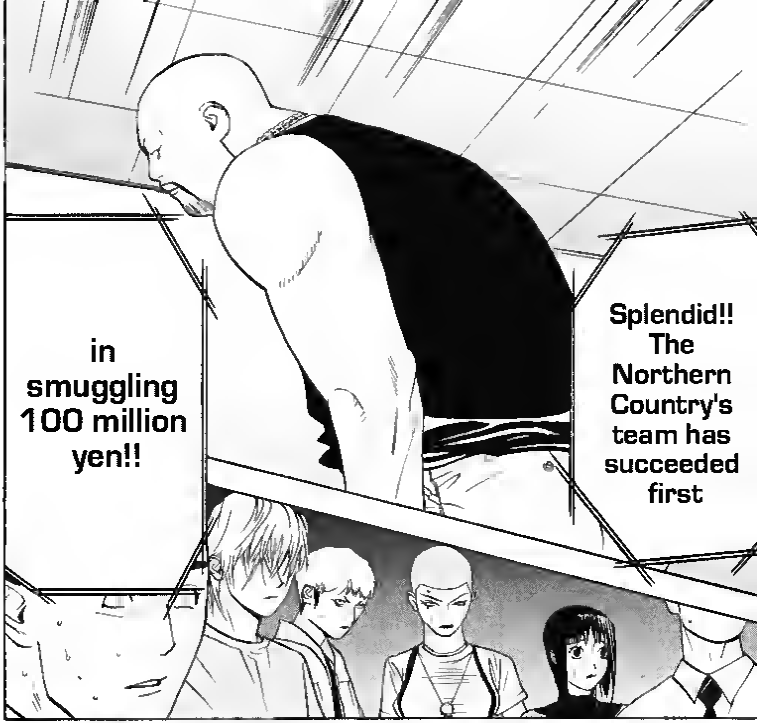
SOUTHERN
Ah okay
Would the Southern Country's inspector please make their way to the customs office?
It is now the Northern Country's turn to smuggle

Tch ! For an empty trunk that's one hell of a crappy act
He's here
ガチャ

I've got it.
PASS
Ahhhh! The Southern Country's inspector has declared pass!
If the trunk contains money that amount will go right to the Northern smuggler's bank account!
It don't contain a dang cent!

カパ

EHH HHH !?
Oh, myyy!! The smuggler's trunk contains an entire 100 million yen!
WHA AAA AAA AAT !?


Splendid!! The Northern Country's team has succeeded first
in smuggling 100 million yen!!

Amazing they've acquired 100 million this quickly
I assume this is all due to that Yokoya's strategy?
Hee hee hee
Did n't I tell you?
The man called Yokoya
is truly frightening.

Chapter 32
Chicken

The Northern Country has succeeded first in smuggling 100 million yen!!
SPLEEEEEENDID!!!

Grrr !!!
I didn't think they were gonna try carrying money so soon, y'know?
Oops!

Hey, Fukunaga!! Cool it!!
YOU JUST LET THEM WALK RIGHT OFF WITH 100 MILLION!!
YOU SHOULD HAVE KNOWN SOMETHING WAS UP!!

Ain't that why Tsunoda'a not to blame for thinking the trunk waa empty?
Ngh!!
It was YOU in the first place who said that they'd try a no-risk strategy for tha first 4 to 5 rounds.
SOUTHERN COOK
Argue all you want, but it won't change what's done.
Knock it off
So, who's up next?
simply because we have no choice but to start actively carrying cash.
What's important is what comes next,
The time to face off has come sooner than we liked
What we can say is that the stalemate's over
And there's no longer any no-risk strategy we can use.

Look, let's just get our playing order settled right now!
... I... am...

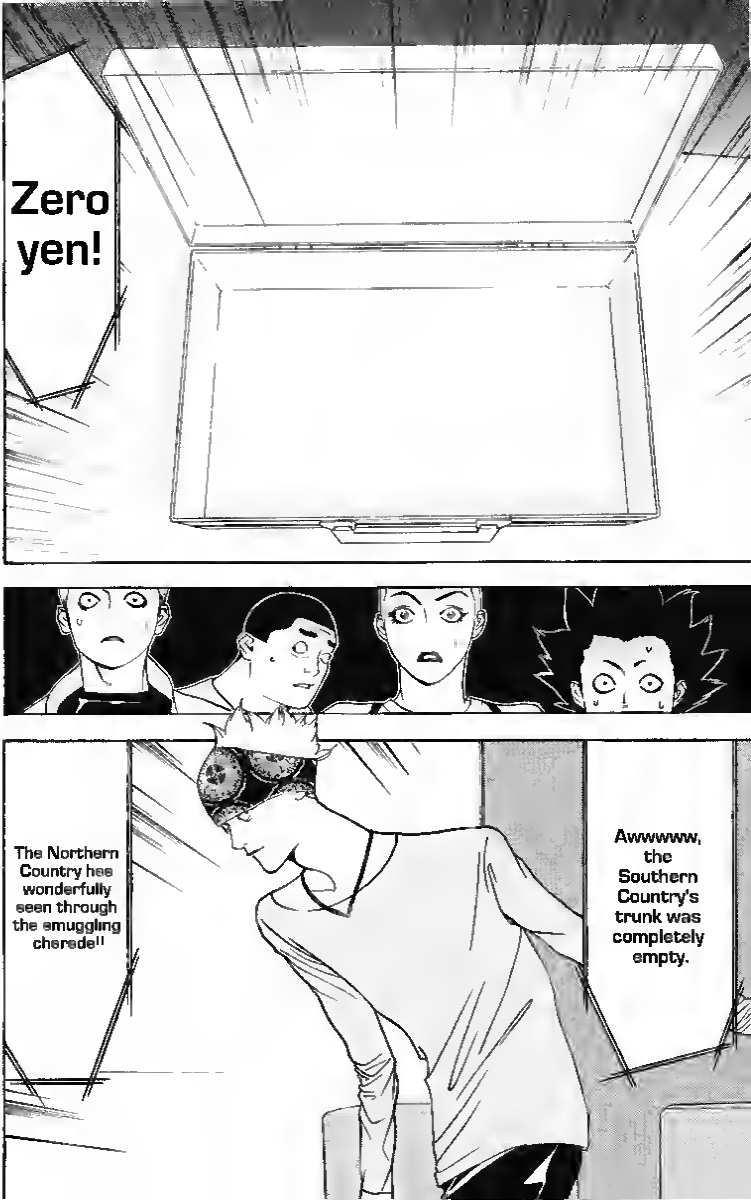
It is now the Southern Country's turn to smuggle
OUTHERN
Okay.
Would the smuggler please take their trunk and make their way over to the Northern Country?
Say,
how much do you think he withdrew?
Seoul
Busan

We're down 100 million. It'd be better for us if he tried to take it back in one fell swoop.
50 million, maybe?

Pass!

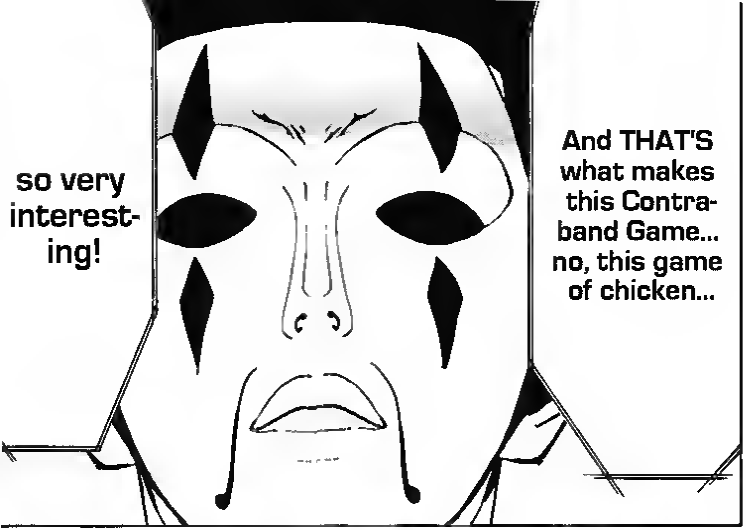
So if he's got 100 million, we just won 100 million!!
No duh, dumb-ass!
Whatever's in his trunk is all ours, right??
Know what that means?
OOOH !!

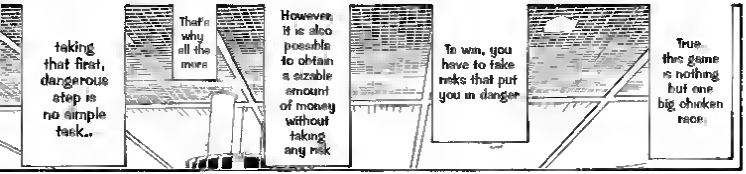
Now how much is the Southern Country carrying in that trunk, hmmmmm??
Oh my The Northern Country's inspector has declared pass


Zero yen!
Awwwww, the Southern Country's trunk was completely empty.
The Northern Country hee wonderfully seen through the emuggling cherede!!

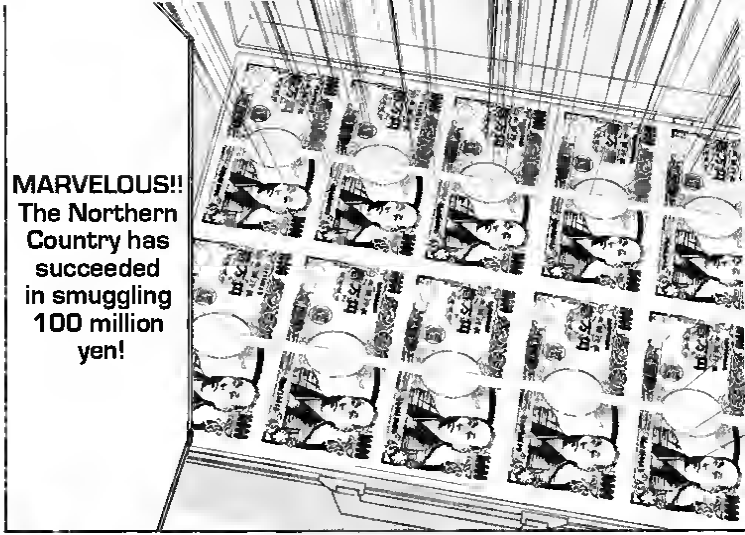
Eh?
Sigh... To think they'd call pass...
I, uh... I thought they'd call Iouhri, so I thought I could outsmart them with an empty trunk.
The Southern team
is already falling apart.
Hee hee hee hee!
Take a look at that, Lennie.
But it's just a convenient excuse
That Kitamura claims he was using a reverse strategy

Putting his own safety ahead of anything else, he's nothing
but a pure coward.
They'll all take the easy way out.
But when it's their turn you'll see
The other players are throwing all the blame on him
Lero-nina -san
That Kanzaki Nao girl said that the object of the Liar Game was to test whether a person will give in to their greed or overcome it and remain an honest person, did she not?
Heeheehee To have realized that before the third round
She's fairly astute
But humans are cowards by nature
They cannot overcome their desire to protect themselves, let alone their greed


so very interest-ing!
And THAT'S what makes this Contra-band Game... no, this game of chicken...


taking that first, dangerous step is no simple task..
That's why all the more
However, it is also possible to obtain a sizable amount of money without taking any risk
To win, you have to take risks that put you in danger
True, this game is nothing but one big chicken race

Ahhhhhh! The Southern Country's inspector has declared pass!!
Let's see what's in the trunk!
Pass.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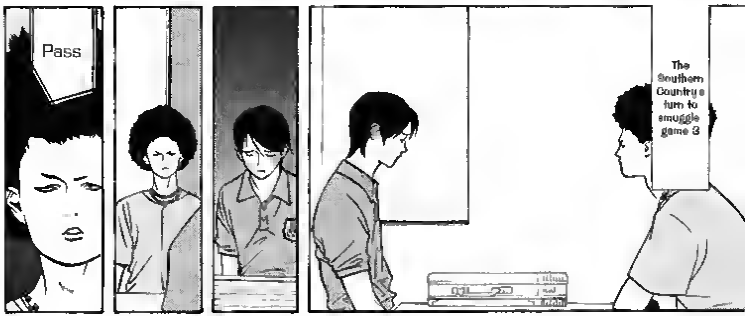

Pass
The Southern Country's turn to smuggle game 3

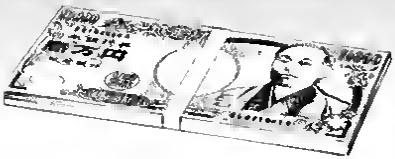
All of the money will go right to the Southern Country at the amount of
What's this? The Northern Country's inspector has declared pass!
WE'VE GOT THEM NOW!
YES!!

ZERO!
THEY'VE WALKED OFF WITH 200 MILLION ALREADY!!
IF WE DON'T FIGHT THEM HEAD ON, WE'RE ALL GOING TO LOSE!!
Satou, you're the inspector next, right!? You HAVE to declare doubt!
He-
Hold on a second.
So they've got a 200 million lead right? In this situation, do you really think they'd bother to take another risk?
If I call doubt on 100 million and they aren't carrying anything, then they'll score an extra 50 million!
YOU'RE JUST SCARED!!
Long story short, you don't have the guts to fight.
Am I wrong?
Uh..

I'll go next.
Fine.
ガチャ
Oh?
……
ピッ

?

When you came in, you dropped something on the floor over there.



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Heh heh heh heh.

H-H-Huh!?

H-Huh??

But as soon as something unexpected happens, they react completely true to their nature.

You gotta love humans. When everything sticks to the script, they can put on a great act.

This was mine.
Sorry, I lied.
I figured it'd come in handy, so I brought it with me.
!!
And you know what?
And I can't blame you. I mean, what are the odds that a stack of bills could possibly fall out of the trunk?
Hehhehheh... You showed me your true colors plain as day
Had the trunk been empty when you entered this room,
you would have never suspected for a second that the trunk could possibly have been broken.

DOUBT.
100
MILLION.

And exactly what does the trunk contain. !?
Ahhhhh!!
The Southern Country's inspector has called doubt on 100 million yen!!
!!

100
MILLION
YEN!!

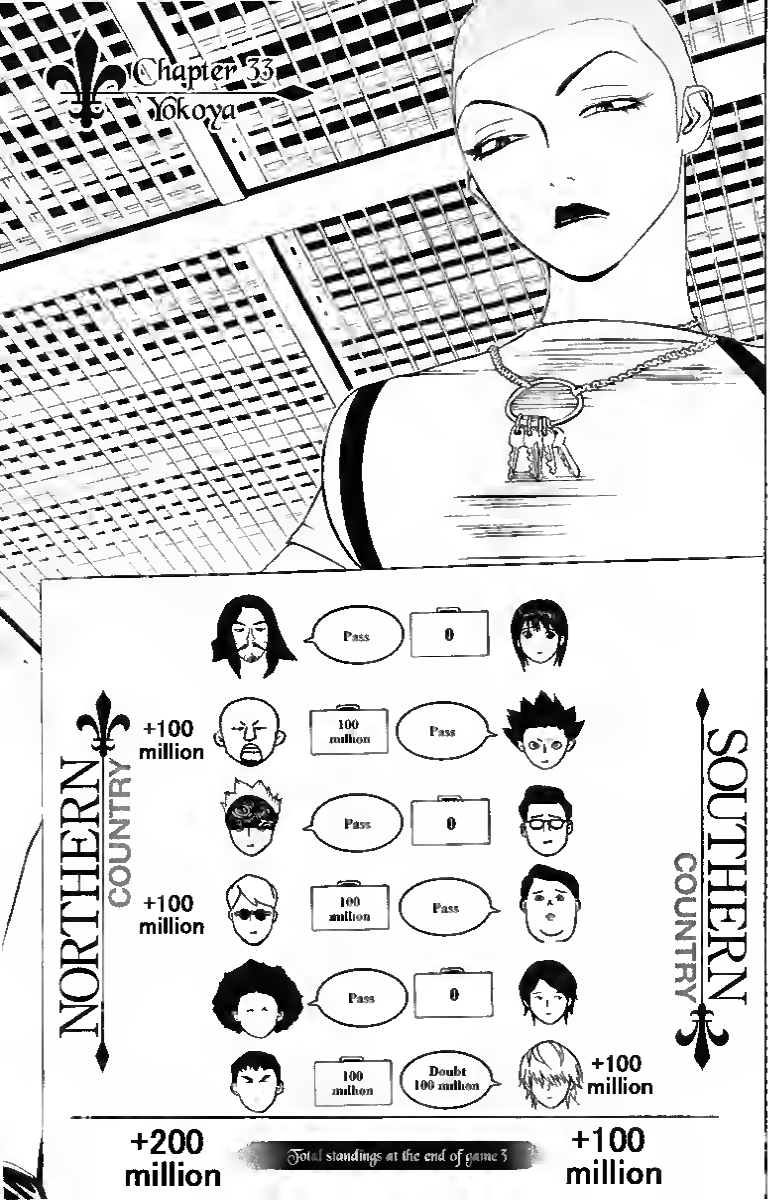
HE DID IIIIIIT !!
SPLENDID!! The Southern Country's inspector has just taken back 100 million yen!!

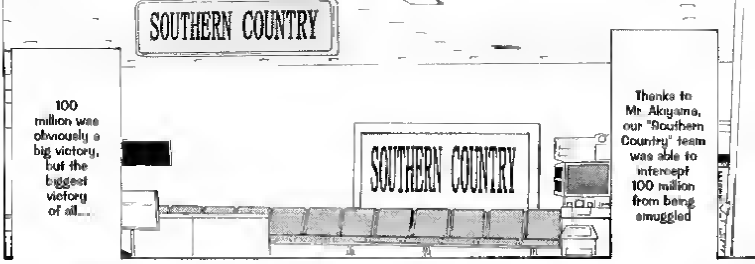
Hmph
He doesn't deserve your compliments.
Huh... I see; you used a roll of notes.
It's no big deal I pulled a simple trick.
Not at all! It turned out he was carrying 100 million!!
SOUTHERN COUNTRY

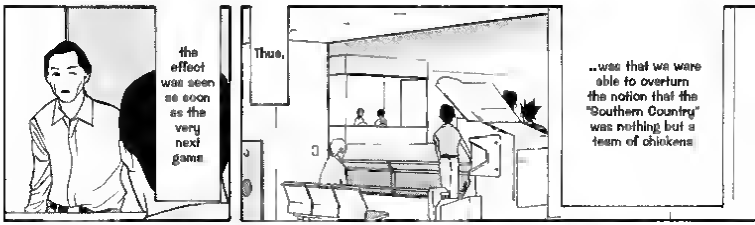
...Even if that had been the case,
It wouldn't have mattered.
!?
Had that trunk been empty, they would've walked away with 50 million!
If you were going to call doubt on 100 million, you should have been a lot more careful.
It was to call doubt on 100 million.
My goal wasn't to take back 100 million.
!?
No... it wasn't due to anything like that.
Foresight? Strategy?
Why do you suppose the Northern Country's players found it so easy to walk around with 100 million?
Think about it
What are you saying?
!!
It's because they believed our team was chicken, afraid to take any risks.

That's why I had no choice but to call doubt on 100 million.
To prove that the Southern team has the balls to call doubt at all.
Only by driving that point home would we be able to stop the current flow of the game.
Hee hee hee
Didn't I tell you? Akiyama is something else.
In such a short time this man has already grasped the essence of this game
Amazing
Akiyama Shinichi.
It seems he'll make a good rival for Yokoya.

Chapter 33
Yokoya



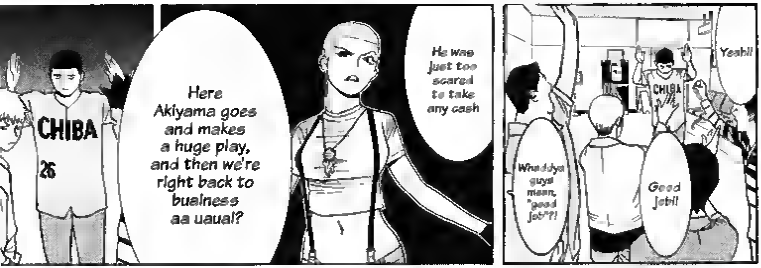

SOUTHERN COUNTRY
100 million was obviously a big victory, but the biggest victory of all...
SOUTHERN COUNTRY
Thanks to Mr. Akiyama, our "Southern Country" team was able to intercept 100 million from being smuggled


the effect was seen as soon as the very next game
Thus,
...was that we were able to overturn the notion that the "Southern Country" was nothing but a team of chickens

!!
Doubt. 50 million.

And soooo!! Just what lies inside the trunk !?
They've started to think we've gone on the offensive!
It's Akiyama's effect!
Did you hear that!?
They called doubt for the first time!!

ZERO!!
An indemnity of 25 million goes to the Southern Country's Mr Satou!
The Northern Country's inspector has failed!!
We did it!!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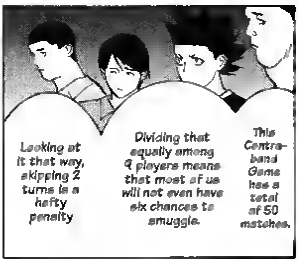
Here Akiyama goes and makes a huge play, and then we're right back to business aa uaual?
He was just too scared to take any cash
CHIBA
Yeah!!
Whaddya guys mean, "good job"?!
Good job!!

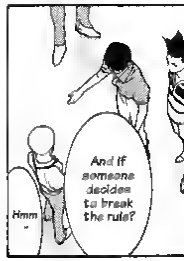
I have an idea.
Then what should we do?
If we keep this up, my win will have been for nothing.
He's right.

We'll decide amongst everyone how much the smuggler should carry.
How's that sound?

.....
That way, we'll all be forced to put our team strategy first.
The smuggler must obey the amount we decide on

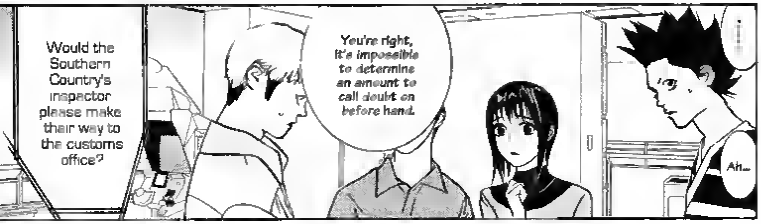

Looking at it that way, skipping 2 turns is a hefty penalty
Dividing that equally among 9 players means that most of us will not even have six chances to smuggle.
This Contraband Game has a total of 50 matches.

That player will lose 2 turns.


Hmm
And if someone decides to break the rule?

Hold on a minute.
that sort of rule should prevent anyone from blatantly taking the safe way out.
Well

I mean, I'm up next!
but what happens during the inspection turns?
That's great and all for the smuggling turns,


Would the Southern Country's inspector please make their way to the customs office?
You're right, it's impossible to determine an amount to call doubt on before hand.
Ah...

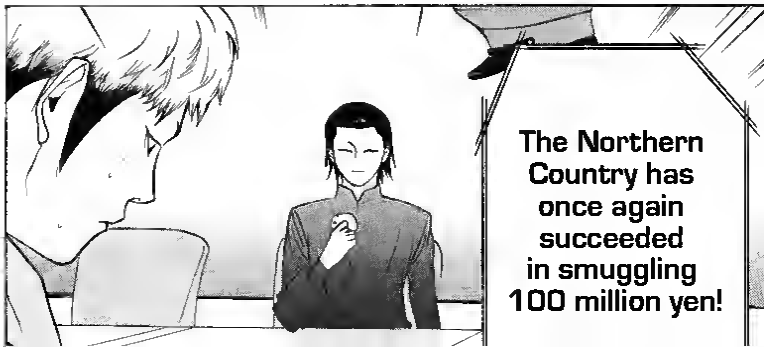
Right
We'll figure something out while you do your thing.
Just get on out there for now!

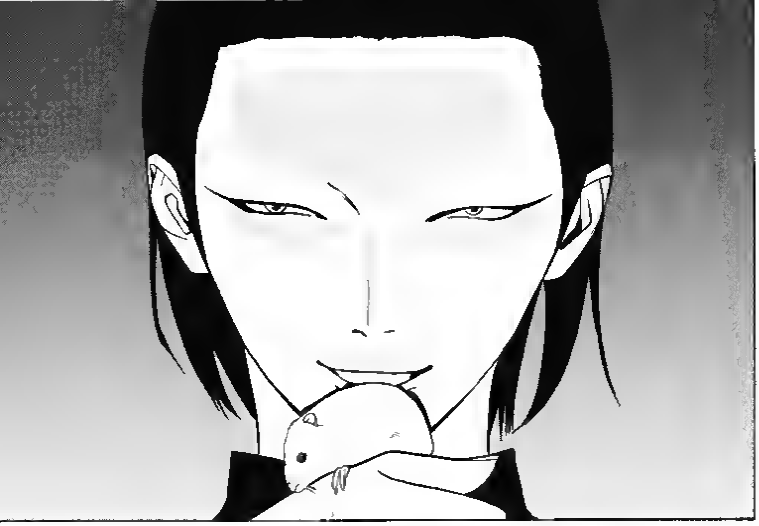
Mr. Akiyama... I... From the start of the game, I've been staring at the Northern Team's side,
...and something's been bothering me.
What's wrong?
Digital

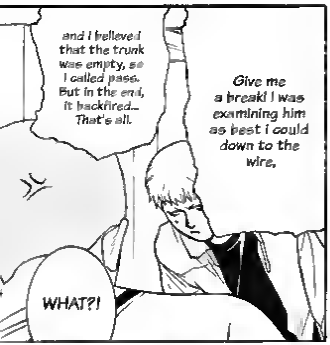
Is somehow different from the rest.
The next smuggler for the Northern Team...
It might just be my imagination...
I can't really put it into words, but...
has caught on
to Yokoya.
Oho...!
Your personal favorite Kanzaki Nao

It's been almost 10 minutes!
What's taking so long?
Pass.
!!
And what does the trunk contain..!?
Ah...! The Southern Country's inspector has declared pass!

Why, 100 million!!
AAA-AAH !!
Incredible!

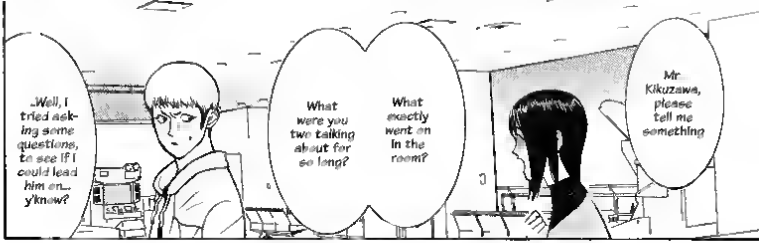

The Northern Country has once again succeeded in smuggling 100 million yen!




and I believed that the trunk was empty, so I called pass. But in the end, it backfired... That's all.
Give me a break! I was examining him as best I could down to the wire,
WHAT?!

Stop it, Mr. Fukunaga!!
LIKE HELL "THAT'S ALL"!! YOU JUST TOOK THE EASY WAY OUT!!!

WHAT THE HELL IS WRONG WITH YOU !?

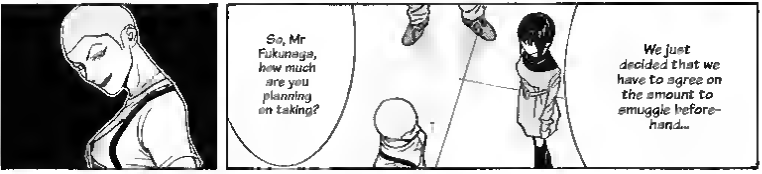

Mr. Kikuzawa, please tell me something
What exactly went on in the room?
What were you two talking about for so long?
..Well, I tried asking some questions, to see if I could lead him on... y'know?

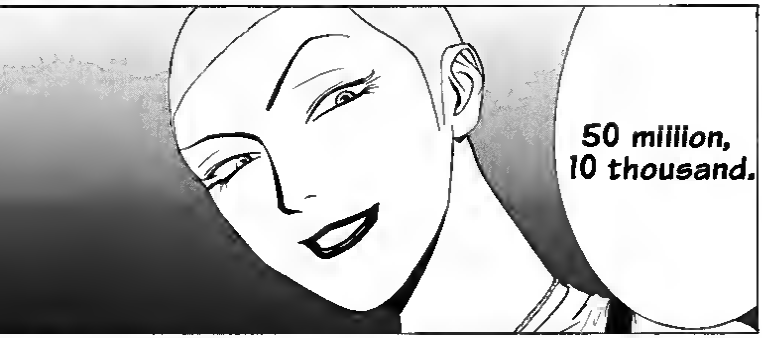
Did you sense anything
"wrong"... about him?

Ha!!
You're just exaggerating his image to hide the fact that you chickened out!
Oh, and– After all that questioning, he didn't even flinch, so I suppose he's no ordinary guy

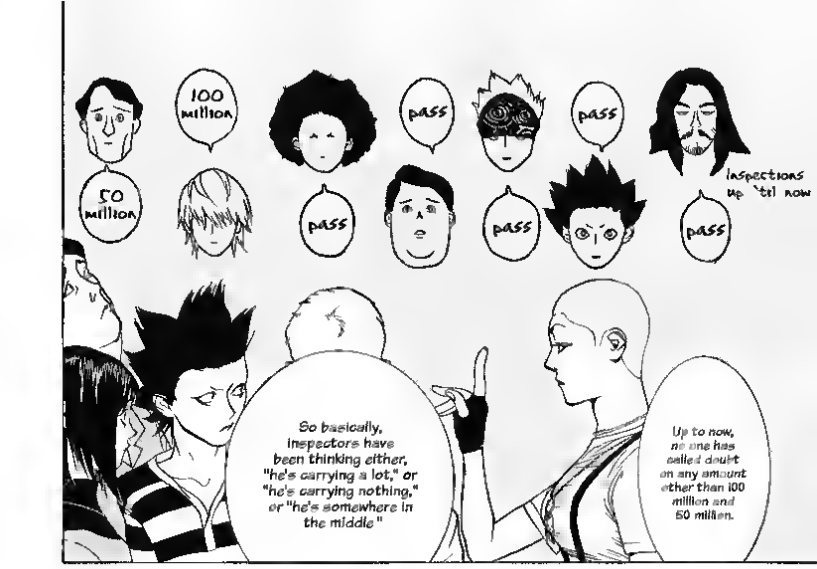
Wrong ..?
Well, I guess it's weird that he walks around with mice...

OH YEAH!? I'LL SHOW YOU HOW IT'S DONE!!
YOU'RE UP NEXT!! GO SMUGGLE SOME CASH!!!
IF YOU HAVE SUCH A PROBLEM WITH EVERYONE, WHY DON'T YOU PUT YOUR MONEY WHERE YOUR MOUTH IS!!?
P-Please, guys, calm down!
SOUTHERN COUNTRY


So, Mr Fukunaga, how much are you planning on taking?
We just decided that we have to agree on the amount to smuggle beforehand...


50 million, 10 thousand.

Take a moment to think about the last few games.
What? Why such a half-assed amount?
COUNTRY
50 million, 10 thousand?

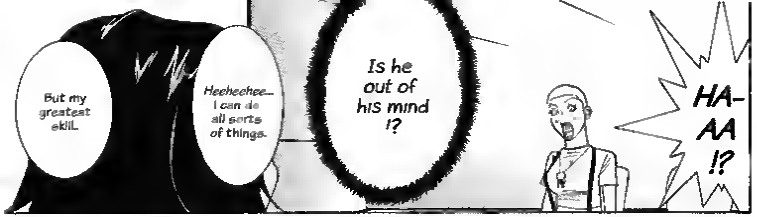

50 million
100 million
pass
pass
pass
pass
pass
Inspections up 'til now
So basically, inspectors have been thinking either, "he's carrying a lot," or "he's carrying nothing," or "he's somewhere in the middle"
Up to now, no one has called doubt on any amount other than 100 million and 50 million.

I'll succeed as long as the inspector doesn't call doubt on 100 million.
if I take 50 million and 10 thousand,
Assuming they stick to these three possibilities,
That's why chances are high that the next inspector will call either pass, doubt on 100 million or doubt on 50 million.

Would the Southern Country's smuggler please start making their way to the Northern Country?
SOUTHERN COUNTRY
Okay, it's decided!
If everyone thinks that's fine, let's do it.
Mr Akiyama, what do you think?
I get it! That's a great idea!

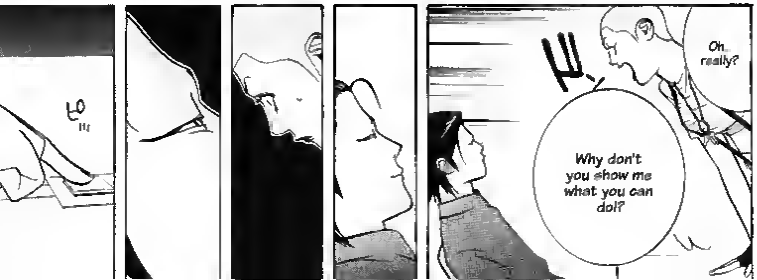
The money is as good as ours!
You just leave it to me.
Good luck, Mr. Fukunaga!
So...
Who
Will the Northern Country send next?
!
!!
Why?
Twice in a row?
Isn't that the guy from before??

Him again?
Huh?
He creeps me out
Why the heck is he carrying mice?
Why does he know my name?!
!!
hee hee hee
Mr. Fukunaga
My name is Yokoya Norihiko. It's a pleasure.
?
You. What a your name?
And you know what?
I'm a psychic.


But my greatest skill.
Heeheehee... I can do all sorts of things.
Is he out of his mind !?
HA-AA !?

It takes just a glance for me to tell what's inside of your trunk.
Is clairvoyance.

Hahahaha.
Haha ...


Oh, really?
Why don't you show me what you can do!?

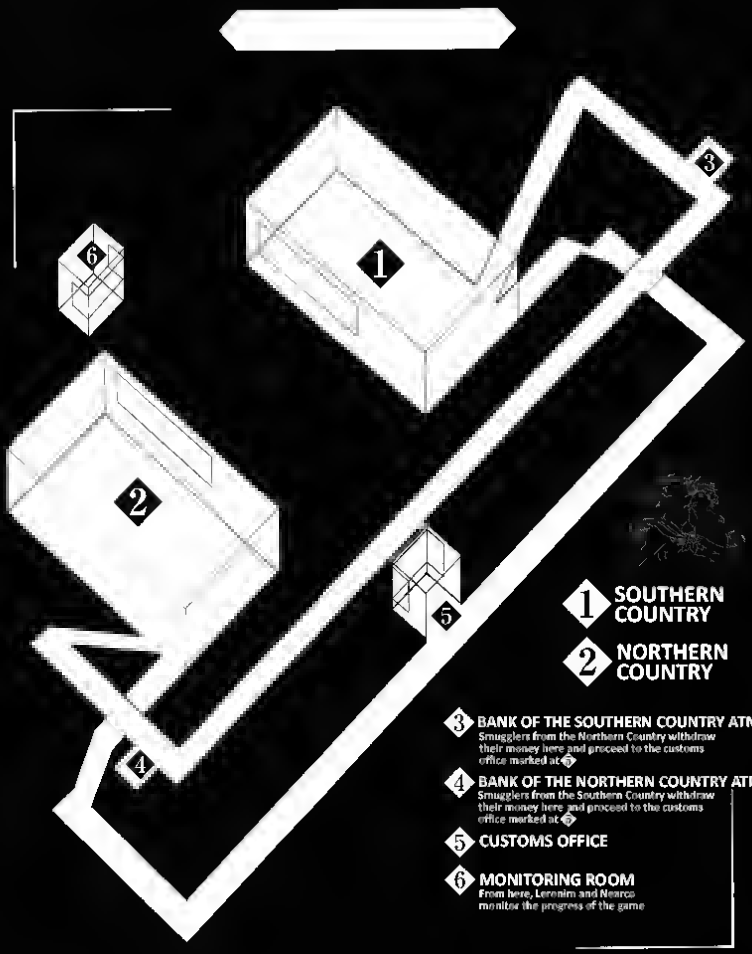
50 MILLION, 10 THOU-SAND.
DOUBT.

Now, let's see what's inside of the trunk !!
!!
What's this?! The inspector has declared doubt on an unusual amount!

50 MILLION, 10 THOUSAND !!
EXACTLY

What
How...
did he know it?
the Southern Country's smuggling, down to the very last yen!!
AMAZIIIIING!! The Northern Country's inspector has intercepted

WHO IS THIS MAN !?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1 SOUTHERN COUNTRY
2 NORTHERN COUNTRY
3 BANK OF THE SOUTHERN COUNTRY ATM
Smugglers from the Northern Country withdraw their money here and proceed to the customs office marked at 5
4 BANK OF THE NORTHERN COUNTRY ATM
Smugglers from the Southern Country withdraw their money here and proceed to the customs office marked at 5
5 CUSTOMS OFFICE
6 MONITORING ROOM
From here, Lereinim and Nearca monitor the progress of the game

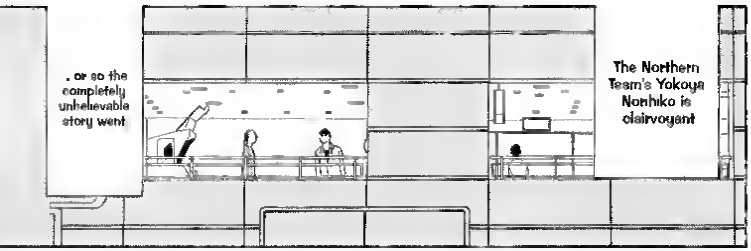
Chapter 34
Clairvoyance

has intercepted an attempt to smuggle 50 million, 10 thousand!!
AMAZIIIIIING!! The Northern Country

I was flawless!
But that man Yokoya... said, without any hesitation,
I kept my nerves under complete control. I didn't slip up for a second!
He knew the exact amount, down to the thousands!
...Hey!
What the hell did you do in there?
I DIDN'T DO ANY-THING WRONG!!

"I can see inside
...that trunk."

Huh?


. or so the completely unbelievable story went
The Northern Team's Yokoya Nonhiko is clairvoyant

He's away-fy
Ya-a-a
were only more opportunities for us to feel like believing in his power

However what awaited us next
Ah
Ah?

The Northern Country's next inspector is yet again this man. Yokoya Norihiko!!
Since he's clairvoyant they've decided to just let him handle all of the inspections?
You're kidding!
AAAAAH!
Me.
What's next?
But... there's no way he could actually BE clairvoyant, right?
How much should I take next?
WE HAVE NO IDEA
we agreed to have him carry 50 million and 20 thousand
After much deliberation,

But, as Mr. Fukunaga said, taking no particularly special amount would also be harder to guess
There wasn't any special reason for the amount.
I see, I see.
hee hee hee
Man!
He's as creepy as they said!
than last time, hm?
It's just a teeny bit more
!!
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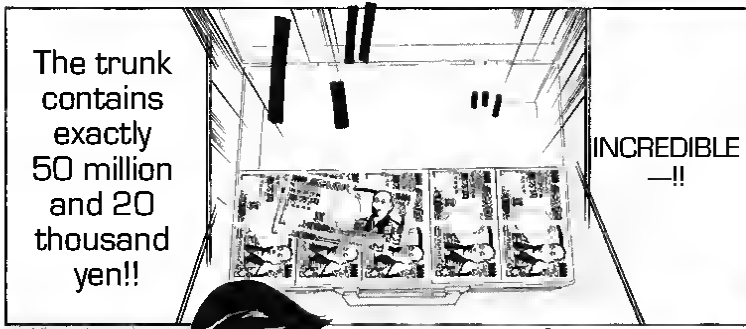
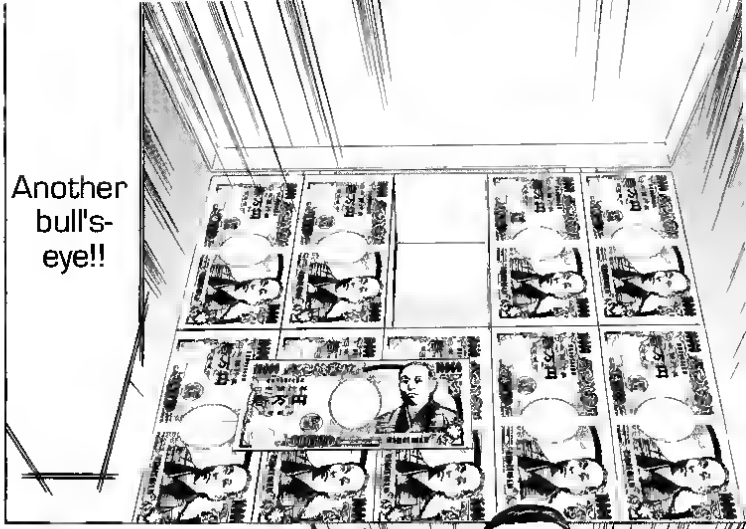
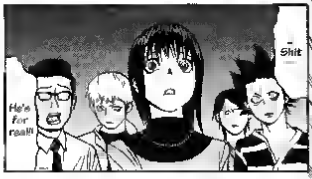
50 MILLION, 20 THOUSAND.
DOUBT.


The trunk contains exactly 50 million and 20 thousand yen!!
INCREDIBLE —!!

has managed to intercept the Southern Country's smuggling attempt!
Once again, the Northern Country's inspector, Yokoya,
!!

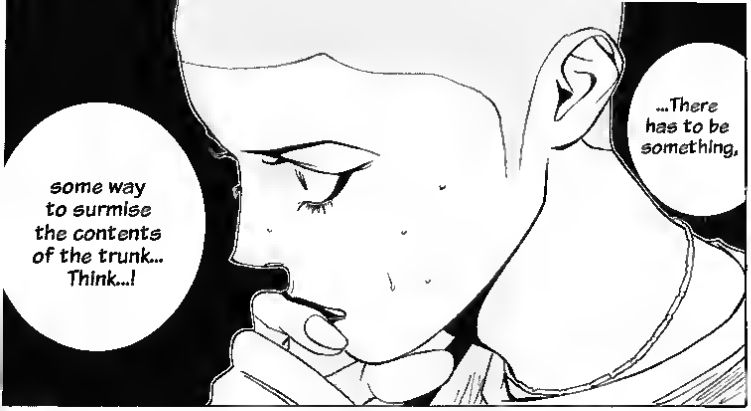
Yokoya's streak...
would not let up.
90 million, 10 thousand.
DOUBT.
What do we have in the trunk...!?
And noooow!


Another bull's-eye!!


Shit
He's for real!

there's no way we can win!!
If we're up against a psychic...
ARE YOU STUPID!? THERE'S NO SUCH THING AS CLAIRVOY-ANCE!!

Unbelievable! The Northern Country's inspector, Yokoya Norihiko,
has stopped the Southern Country's smuggling attempt for the third consecutive time!!!


...There has to be something,
some way to surmise the contents of the trunk... Think...!

Because of that Yokoya, our team has practically given them their huge lead.
We WILL lose at this rate.
Right now we've finished the 7th game. The Northern Country has amassed a total of 440 million and 40 thousand yen.
Pass
Empty
+100 million
100 mil
Pass
Pass
Empty
+100 million
100 mil
Pass
Pass
Empty
100 mil
Doubt 100 mil
+100 million
Doubt 50 mil
Empty
+25 million
+100 million
100 mil
Pass
+50 million, 10 thousand
Doubt 50 mil 10 grand
50 mil 10 grand
Empty
Pass
+50 million, 20 thousand
Doubt 50 mil 20 grand
20 mil 20 grand
Empty
Pass
+90 million, 10 thousand
Doubt 90 mil 10 grand
90 mil 10 grand
Empty
Pass
While we, on the other hand, have a total of 125 million yen.
So, have you figured out the trick?
...And who is up next?

Me.

Hey
How about this?
If even Akiyama can't think of anything, then there's really nothing we can do...
Sigh —

Nope...
Mr Akiyama, do you have a plan?

Akiyama called doubt on 100 million the last time he was up
There's no way they'd guess he'd try taking the safe way out.

NO WAY!! THAT'S TOO CONSERVATIVE!!
Look it's just a temporary measure. 2 maybe 3 turns at most
Besides,

Huh?
I'm saying to make the trunk empty
No matter how well Mr Yokoya can predict the contents of the trunk, there's no risk to us.
Well, he is right —

Why don't we try NOT smuggling when Yokoya is the inspector?

As a result, we ended up agreeing to use the empty trunk idea for now.
there was a faint feeling among everyone that Mr Akiyama would be able to pull through somehow
That, and
hee hee hee
So you're the guy who intercepted the ¥80 million...
hee hee hee
Pass.

It's EMPTY!!
Inspector Yokoya has declared pass!... And what about the trunk...?
seen right through this smuggling attempt!!
Yokoya has yet again
IM-PRES-SIVE!!
!!
But amaz-ingly,
To be honest, I really believed our plot of winning had completely disappeared...
Then,
that guy is the real thing if
Not even Akiyama could do anything.
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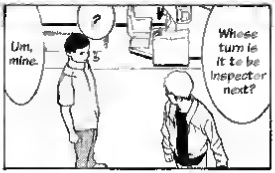
from someone we would have least expected...
we found a breakthrough solution faster than anyone would have ever imagined.

Heh heh... I think I'm on to something

Okay, but... why?
Tell ya what, how 'bout you let me go next!


Um, mine.
Whose turn is it to be inspector next?

Huh?? Like what??
He had figured out something big he said.

He was really persistent. He wanted to go no matter what.
Why did he decide to go next?
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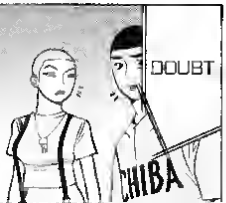
DOUBT
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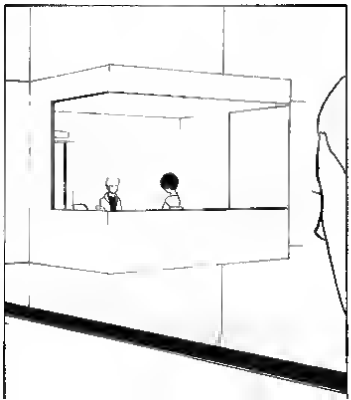
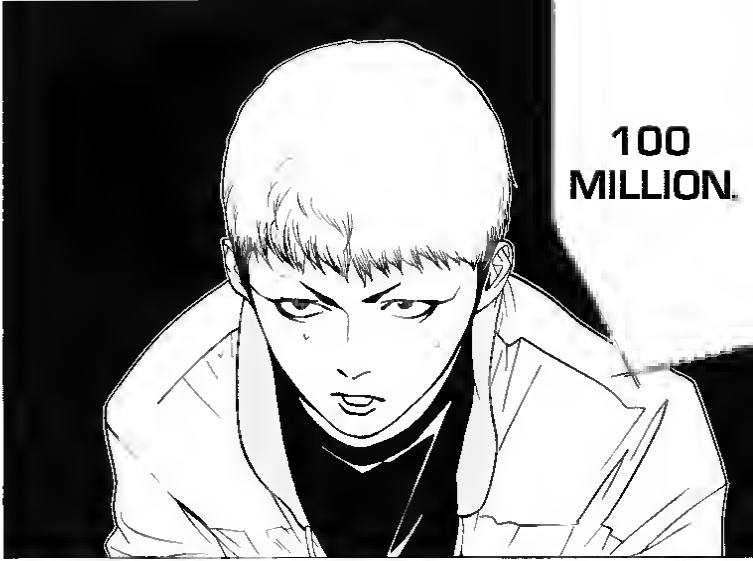
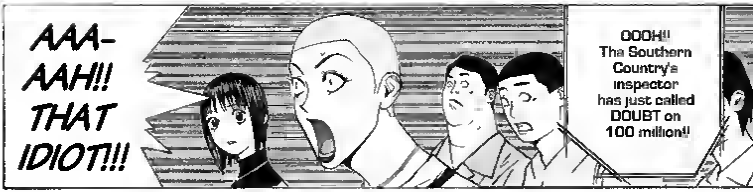
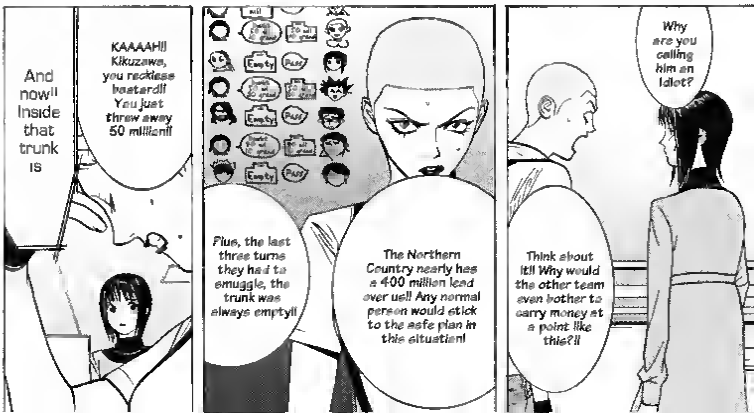


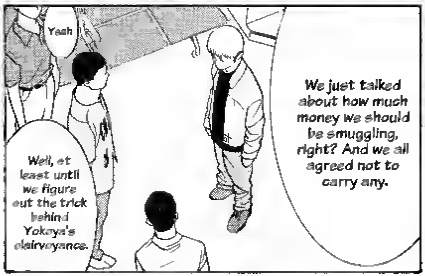

100 MILLION.

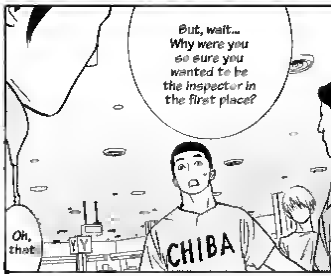

AAA-AAH!! THAT IDIOT!!!
OOOH!! The Southern Country's inspector has just called DOUBT on 100 million!!


And now!! Inside that trunk is
KAAAAH!! Kikuzawa, you reckless bastard!! You just threw away 50 million!!
Plus, the last three turns they had to smuggle, the trunk was always empty!!
The Northern Country nearly has a 400 million lead over us!! Any normal person would stick to the safe plan in this situation!
Think about it!! Why would the other team even bother to carry money at a point like this?!!
Why are you calling him an idiot?

100 MILLION !!!
A FLAT OUT
The Southern Country's inspector, Kikuzawa, has managed to intercept the Northern Country's smuggling attempt!
SPECTA-CULAR!
HUH !?
Hell, yeah!!
I got us 100 million yen!!

That was amazing, calling out an 100 million!
Good job!
Way to go!!
You did it!!


Yeah
Well, at least until we figure out the trick behind Yokoya's clairvoyance.
We just talked about how much money we should be smuggling, right? And we all agreed not to carry any.


But, wait... Why were you so sure you wanted to be the inspector in the first place?
Oh, that
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Right?
That's why...

...
-N-No.
CHI

-So?
Did you figure anything out yet?

we should give up on trying to make money from smuggling
and instead focus on taking back our money through the inspector's turns!

We can do it by intercepting the Northern Team's smuggling tool
We were so set on trying to smuggle, but in reality, that's not the only way to make money!

Ah!!
I get it
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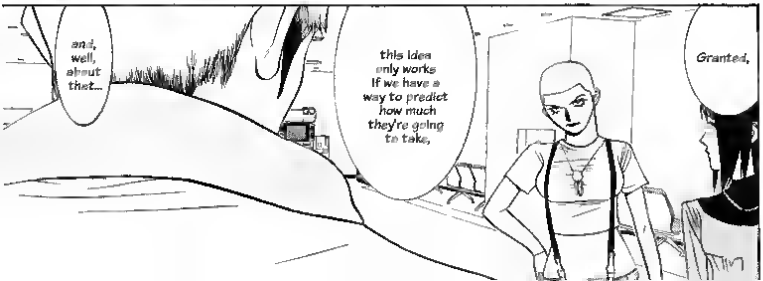

and, well, about that...
this idea only works if we have a way to predict how much they're going to take,
Granted,

I've figured it out!
A way we can stop the Northern Team's smuggling attempts every time!!
!!

LIAR GAME

Chapter 35 Confrontation

Woah, there. Hold your horses.
Tell us! How !?

Let me go as the inspector again, okay?
...So, tell you what.
I'm not completely sure it's foolproof.

All right
-A-

Say,
do you really think Kikuzawa was telling the truth?
You mean about being able to stop their smuggling?

He got lucky once; that's all.
It's just a fluke.

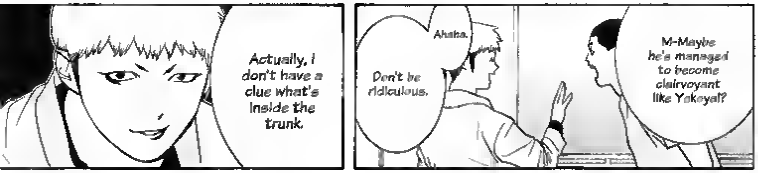
Game 9
Southern Country's turn at inspector

Watch: he'll fail this round
and come crying back to us, saying, "How could I have been so stupid!"
100 MILLION.
DOUBT.
And what's inside of the trunk !?
Aaaaahhhhh! The Southern Country's inspector has called doubt on 100 million!!
You're kidding!!
Another 100 million?
!!

100 MILLION!!
オオオオ
RIGHT ON!!!
SPECTA-CULAR!
The Southern Country's inspector has yet again intercepted a smuggling attempt for 100 million!
!!

Pass
Empty
100 million
Inside 100 million
Pass
Empty
100 million
Inside 100 million
490 million, 40 thousand
525 million
in almost no time at all, that difference had narrowed to a mere 165 million.
Although we had been behind the Northern team by almost 400 million.
Kikuzawa had intercepted 100 million for the second time

That was all you!!
WAY TO GO, KIKUZAWA !!
You weren't kidding: you found a way to win!


Actually, I don't have a clue what's inside the trunk.
Ahaha.
Don't be ridiculous.
M-Maybe he's managed to become clairvoyant like Yakeya!?

?
Besides, there's no point in knowing how much down to the thousands, like Yokoya.
The real question is:
I can stop their smuggling without having to worry about the amount
What I mean to say is that
Say what!?
CHIPA

Are they carrying money or not?
As long as I can answer that, I can stop their smuggling every time.

Think back to what the rules said about the smuggler and the inspector
If the smuggler is carrying more money than the amount the inspector calls doubt on, the smuggler wins.
...So that means

Logically speaking, there are only two situations: having money and not having it.
Hm... Maybe we did overthink things a bit
This game is really simple, after all
You're right.
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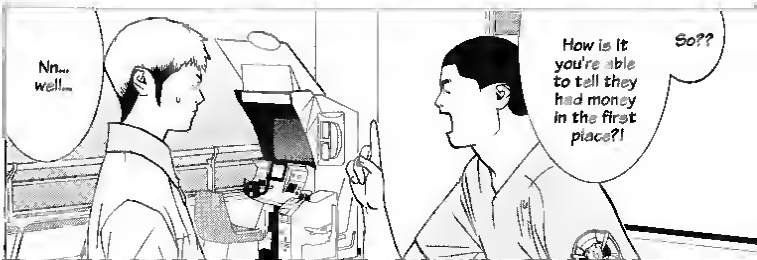
you can stop the smuggling every time just by calling doubt on 100 million
As long as you can figure out if there's any money at all in the trunk,


Nn... well...
How is it you're able to tell they had money in the first place?!
So??

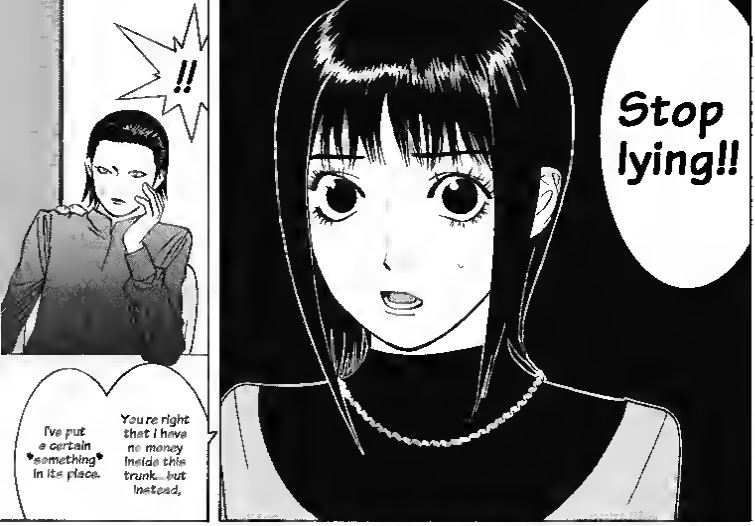
Get out there and help our team rake it in!
Yeah, sure, why not?
I just want to be 100% sure that this trick works, y'know?
How 'bout you guys let me go as inspector just one more time?

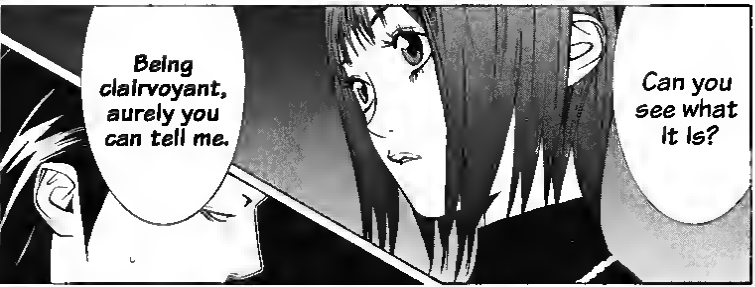
Thanks to Mr. Kikuzawa's efforts, we actually had a shot at winning again.
Everyone had regained hope.

Huh?
Be on guard, Nao.

Okay?
Stay sharp and unravel the mystery behind Yokoya's clairvoyance.
Even if Kikuzawa is on to something, it doesn't mean we can just forget about Yokoya.
But
O-Okay
You're up next to be the smuggler

How rare ♡
A girl... Hm?
Ah.
...I'm scared.
...
And I see an empty trunk, just like the last round.
It's like looking through glass.
Mm-hm! Perfectly well!
Can... you see? See inside the trunk?
Um...
Uh...


!!
Stop lying!!
You're right that I have no money inside this trunk... but instead,
I've put a certain *something* in its place.


Being clairvoyant, surely you can tell me.
Can you see what it is?

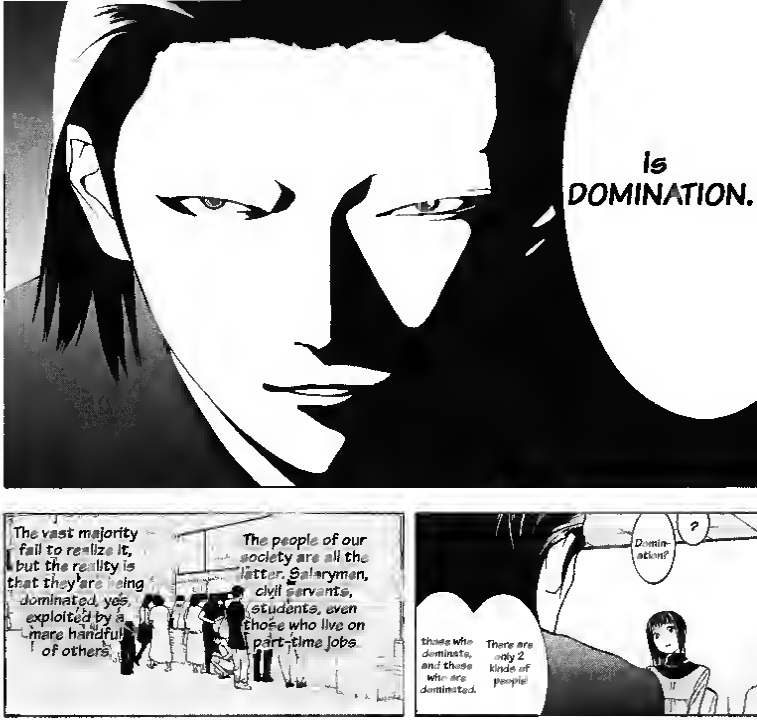
I apologize for putting you to the test
"If you want to get to know people, then doubt them..."
If anything, I may have been influenced by the words of one person.
Hm~
Who gave you this idea?
No one did.
I came up with it myself.

Were those
Aki-yama's words?

!?
Why.
do you know his name?

Hehee hee. I see.
He's your team's boss, I take it.
You're wrong!
Our team has no boss!
So, tell me.
What do YOU think the object of the Liar Game is?
(.....)

Huh?
It's a game that tests a person's honesty.
I... believe that this game is the exact opposite of what it calls itself.
Hee hee hee
Hee
The Liar Game
is all about realizing that fact!
Think back to the previous rounds for a moment.
If everyone could have rid themselves of the idea that they wanted to save themselves or make a fortune, then everyone could have been saved.
What this game truly tests..
Since it's clear that an idiot like you will be eliminated in this round let me tell you something good
!?
You really
are a FOOL, aren't you?


is
DOMINATION.

The vast majority fail to realize it, but the reality is that they are being dominated, yes, exploited by a mere handful of others.
The people of our society are all the latter. Salarymen, civil servants, students, even those who live on part-time jobs.

Domination?
?
There are only 2 kinds of people:
those who dominate, and those who are dominated.

Wa-
Wait a minute answer my...!

It's a fact of human society.
Those who dominate are the ones who will win... THAT is the true object of the Liar Game.

Ahhhh!! The inspector has called PASS!
And what does the trunk contain ?
PASS
A stuffed animal !?
It's empt– no, wait!
What a peculiar girl...
Hmph.
...A stuffed animal?
Whatever the case the Southern team's smuggling farce has failed to mislead the inspector!

Me, of all people, caught off guard by that
and made to volunteer such unnecessary information ...

Every-ooooo-oooone! I have great news!!!
Yokoya isn't clair-voyant after all...!!!

Shh!! Quiet!!
Eh?
Kikuzawa's turn is here!

They're far too absorbed in Kikuzawa's so-called fail-proof plan
It's point-less.
Um...?
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100 MILLION.
DOUBT.
Now... let's see what's inside that trunk...!!
He called doubt again!!
WOAH!!
CHIRA

40 million!!
Splendid!
WAY TO GO-OO-OO !!!
The Southern Country's inspector has once again seen through the Northern Country's smuggling attempt!
A genius!!
You're ama-zing!
You did it, Kiku-zawa!

I guess..
Kikuzawa really must have a perfect plan after all!
Unbelievable!

Huh?
Tell us about that trick you learned!
...So hey, Kikuzawa!

would I share it with you?
And why

you think I'd just give it away for free?
After all I went through to figure it out,
Whoa...
.....

Well, I don't mind sharing it with people
who'll do what I say!
"Those who dominate are the ones who will win... THAT is the true object of the Liar Game."
those who dominate and those who are dominated. And...
"There are only 2 kinds of people
!!
that Yokoya-s words flashed across my mind.
It was then
Kiku zawa
SOUTHER

And why would I share it with you?
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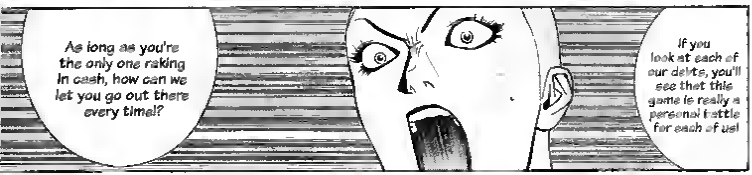
Division

After all I went through to figure it out, you think I'd just give it away for free?
!?

who'll do what I say!
Well, I don't mind sharing it with people

Woah there, Fukunaga... Is that any way to talk to me?
Kikuzawa, YOU BASTARD!!
Do you understand the situation?
...IS ME.
The only one who has any chance of leading this team to victory
and by extension, win it for our team!
Yakuya's disinveyance had all but destroyed our hopes of winning.
But now... as long as you make me the inspector, I can get our money back.
Grgh!!!
And the same goes for the rest of you. Think it over.

YOU'RE the only one profiting here!!!
Even IF you win it for us,


As long as you're the only one raking in cash, how can we let you go out there every time!?
If you look at each of our debts, you'll see that this game is really a personal battle for each of us!

You really expect us to believe in a verbal promise?!
Yeah, right!
No problem, we can put it on paper and I'll sign it... but..
I'll give everyone money.
To be more specific,
I'll split half of the money I receive with you guys.
Chill out, I'm not that stingy.
I believe in what Nao said about how we need to stop thinking about personal gain.

the one who obeys me the closest!
only one person will get the money each turn:

Catch my drift?
you can go to hell.

but if you decide to die- obey, well...
I'll open my arms to whoever's willing to listen to me...
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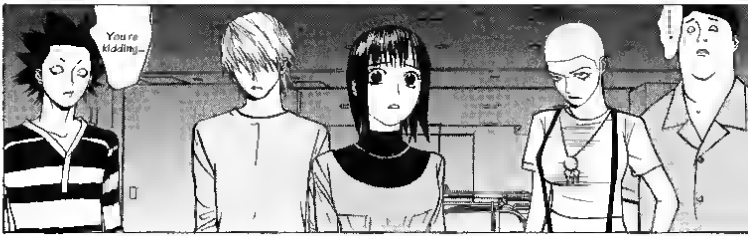
You're kidding...
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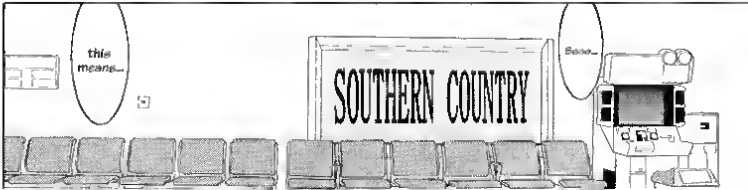

this means...
SOUTHERN COUNTRY
Back...

I'll be making all the strategic decisions from now on.
that starting now, I'M the leader of this team!

Disobey, and you're dead.
I'll even give out bonuses to whoever's extra loyal.
I won't allow anyone to act on their own. You will abide by my orders

Huh?
Let's hear it.
Stop joking.

Joking?
You want to die? Hmm?

It's "YOUR EXCEL-LENCY."
From now on, whenever anyone speaks to me,
Oh,
and let's get another thing straight.

...No.
Your Excel-lency.

Heeee-hehehe!!

W-WAIT !!
I guess I'll just take your name off my list.
What you don't want to say it?

Huh ???
You too!

Your Excellency ...
...Y-

This feels GREAT!

In no time at all, Kikuzawa had changed into someone who dominates others.
It was just like Mr. Yokoya had said.

It was unbelievable how money could change people into something so arrogant... or submissive.
Your Excellency
And the rest of the team, bowing to the influence of money, had become the dominated.

If you don't say it I ain't givin' you a dime.
What's the matter? Don't wanna talk?
.....
Is you.
Next

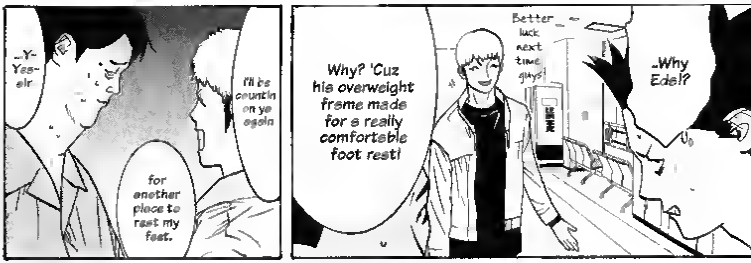
IDIOCY.
...Your

IDIOCY !?
ID--

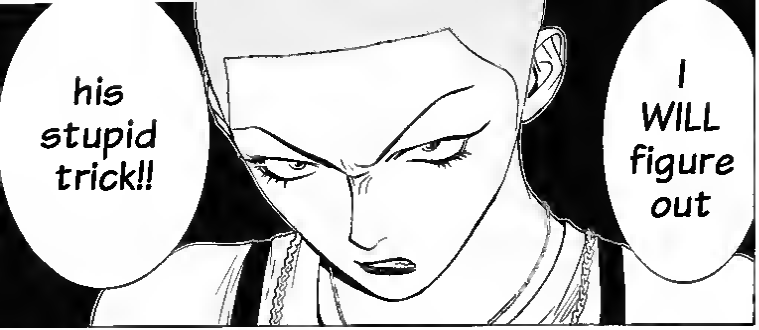
I'll stick to Kikuzawa, without the formalities.
And I'll keep using Mr. Kikuzawa as I always have.
Don't worry, we won't call you by your name.
Ngh...
WHY, YOUUU?!! WHAT WAS THAT YOU JUST SAID?! HUH?!
I DON'T NEED ANY OF YOUR FILTHY MONEY!
YOU AIN'T GETTIN' ZIP! NADA! ZILCH!!

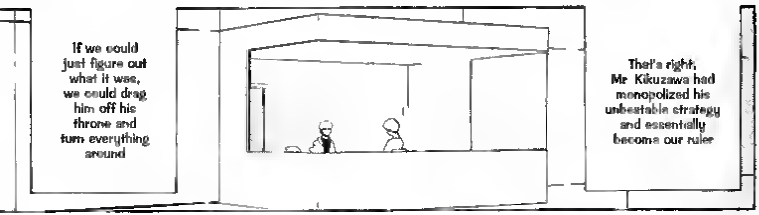
SOUTH COUNTRY
The three of us who didn't obey him
And so, the Southern team had split into two factions
Sorry.
Satou, you're not massaging me hard enough.
and the five who followed his every whim and fancy.
Kitamura, you're not in the right spot!
ドォォン
Guess it's time for a pay-check!
Hmmm.
What a slave driver!!
Oh... I take that back. Didn't I say no kiwis? I hate 'em.
Good work.
I brought you something to eat from the buffet table.

EDA!
The last round's portion goes to...
WOO-HOO!

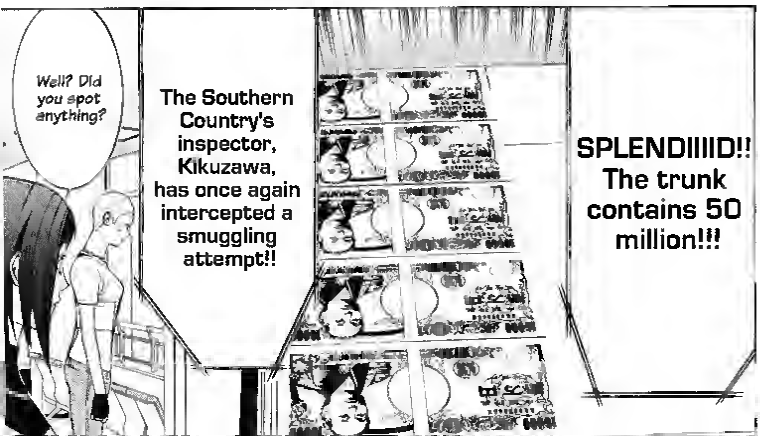

-Y-Yes-sir
I'll be countin on ye again
for another place to rest my feet.
Why? 'Cuz his overweight frame made for a really comfortable foot rest!
Better luck next time, guys!
-Why Edel?

He's taking this too far.
That damn Kikuzawa...!

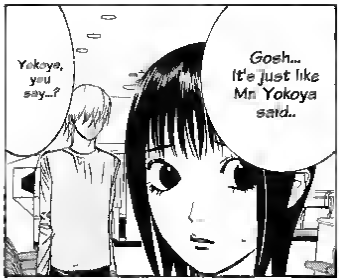

his stupid trick!!
I WILL figure out


If we could just figure out what it was, we could drag him off his throne and turn everything around
That's right, Mr. Kikuzawa had monopolized his unbeatable strategy and essentially become our ruler

100 MILLION.
DOUBT.


Well? Did you spot anything?
The Southern Country's inspector, Kikuzawa, has once again intercepted a smuggling attempt!!
SPLENDIIIID!! The trunk contains 50 million!!!

Not a damn thing!!
Shit!!


Yokoya, you say...?
Gosh... It's just like Mr. Yokoya said..

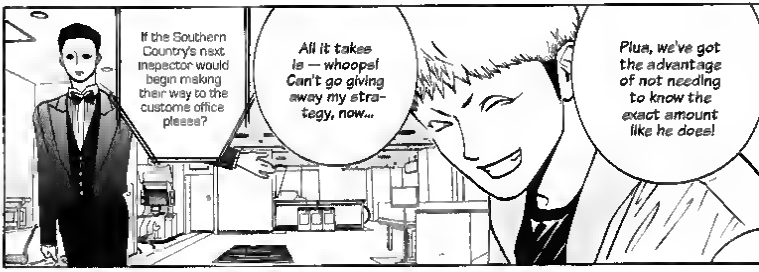
How do you feel, Your Excellency?
Good just like that

That's right, I still haven't had a chance to tell you what happened back in the customs office.
Ah!!

According to him, this game...
is all about deciding who is most capable of controlling others.
.....
—Control?
After that, I told Mr. Akiyama all the details of what happened between me and Mr. Yokoya.
And then,
his expression immediately changed.
?
What's the matter?
Control
It's starting to connect
Clairvoyance...
Hmm

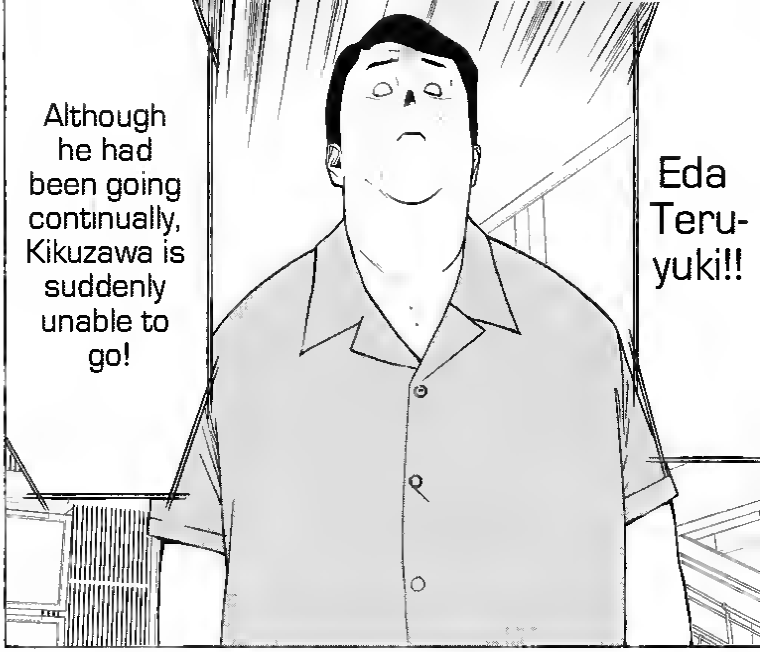
Amaz-
ing!!
Pass.
The Southern Country again failed to deceive the inspector with an empty trunk!!

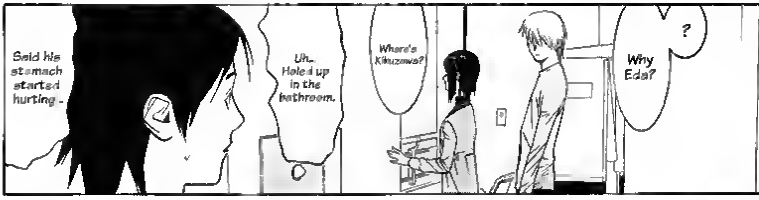
As long as we keep taking empty trunks his power is worthless!
Yeah, well, no big deal
...Holy crap he really is clairvoyant!!

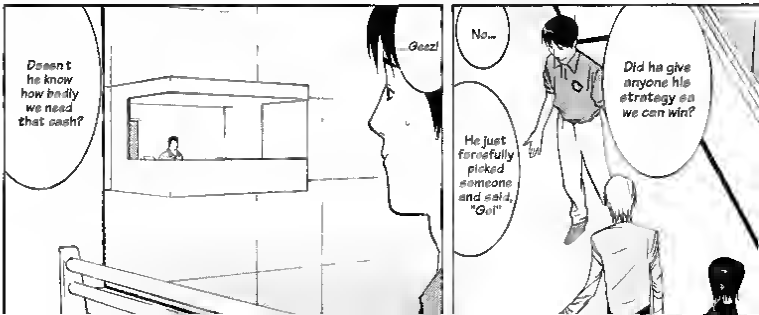

If the Southern Country's next inspector would begin making their way to the custome office please?
All it takes is — whoops! Can't go giving away my strategy, now...
Plus, we've got the advantage of not needing to know the exact amount like he does!

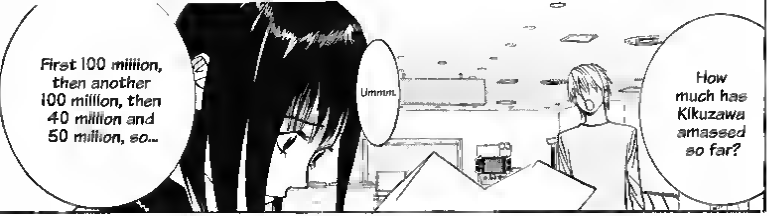
Huh?
Hee...
Have a safe trip!
Well guess I'll go make us some cash~
What, it's that time already?

W-What's wrong, Your Excellency ?!
OW OW OW OW OW
OW !!!
I don't have a choice!! You go, Edail
EEEEEH !?!?
EEE-EH!?
Damn... It looks like I'm going to miss the turn...!
It's... killing me!!
...M-My stomach...
the Southern Country's inspector shall be
So for game number 14,


Although he had been going continually, Kikuzawa is suddenly unable to go!
Eda Teru-yuki!!

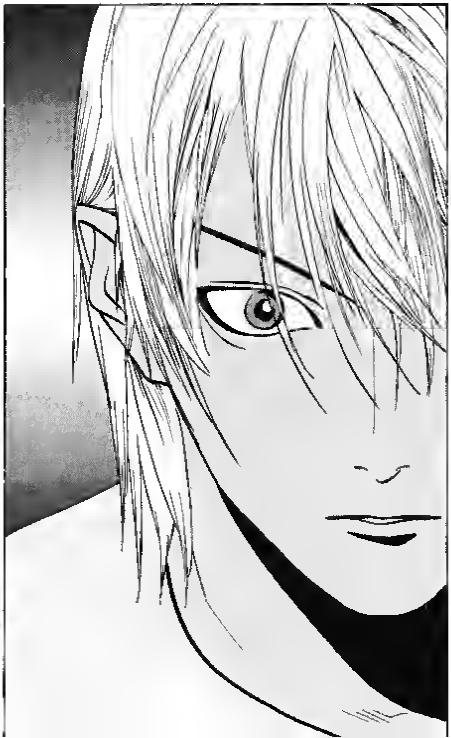

Said his stomach started hurting -
Uh- Holed up in the bathroom.
Where's Kikuzawa?
Why Eda?
?


Doesn't he know how badly we need that cash?
Geez!
No...
He just forcefully picked someone and said, "Go!"
Did he give anyone his strategy so we can win?


First 100 million, then another 100 million, then 40 million and 50 million, so...
Ummm
How much has Kikuzawa amassed so far?

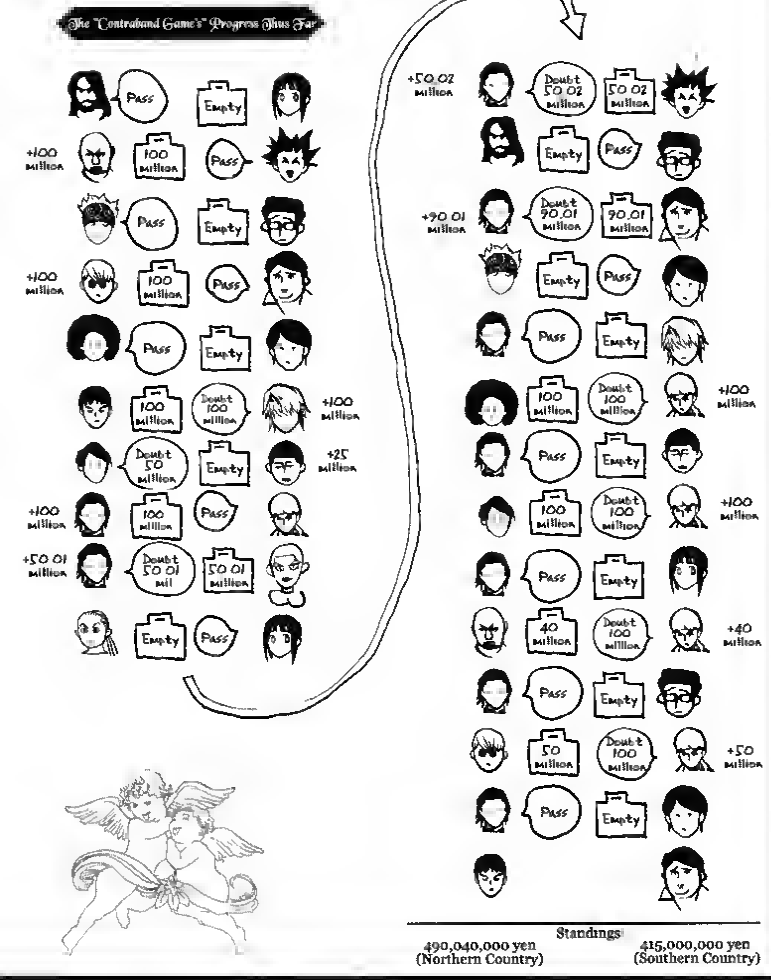
In just 4 rounds, he's managed to take 290 million!!
290 million!!

?
What is it??
Heh...
Heh heh heh!



290...
290

!?
That Kikuzawa sure slipped up big time.
I've got it.
I know how he's been reading our opponents' minds!



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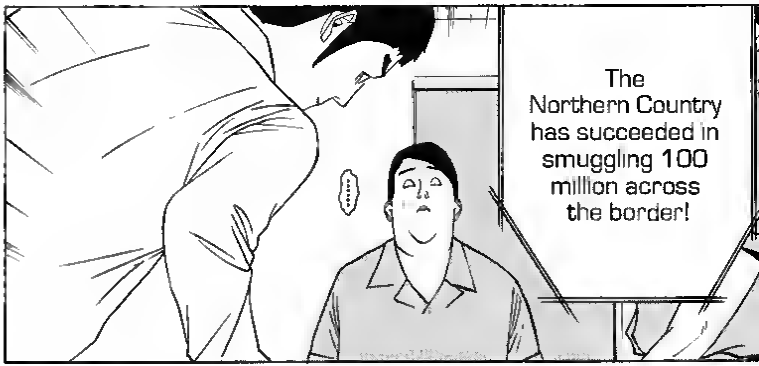
I've got it.
I know how Kikuzawa's been reading our opponents' minds!
Eh?!
W-Wait a minute.
Aren't we supposed to be trying to solve Yokoya's clairvoyance instead of Kikuzawa's trick??
What do you mean!?
Shi
I finally figured out how Kikuzawa's been doing it.
Well, yes, I was thinking about Yokoya...
And as I did that,

Eda's turn is starting.
We'll talk specifics after this.

Okay.

The Southern Country's inspector has called pass! And what does the trunk contain...?
Ah!?
Pass.
I should be able to discover Kikuzawa's trick, too!
Con-cen-trate.

100 MILLION!!
AHHH HHHH !!!


The Northern Country has succeeded in smuggling 100 million across the border!

When you said thinking about Yokoya made you understand Kikuzawa's method, then...
Huh? Wait...
Heh heh heh
There was 100 million inside!?
I had no idea...

have a similar trick!?
Are you saying that they

Not just similar.
Heh heh heh.

Yokoya's clairvoyance, and Kikuzawa's winning strategy.
It's the SAME.

whisper whisper
Truth is..

Shh!
Don't say a word to anyone!
EEE EEH !?
if I'm right, he'll come back to us and say,
At present, it's still a mere guess but...
Is that really true?
"The next smuggler has to take cash!"
...or something like it.

You waltzed right in and called pass!
HEY!! What tha heck was that back there!?
He had no intention to call doubt at all!!

Ngh
WOULD YOU HAVE CALLED DOUBT IF IT WAS YOU!?
SHUT UP!!

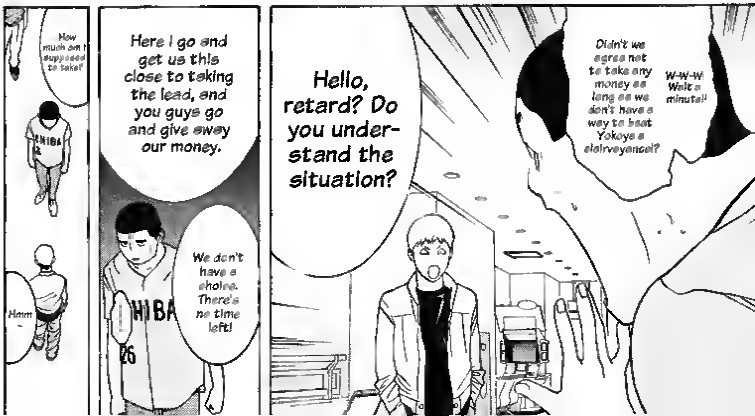
Do you guys now get how great I am?
Aw... they took our money, huh?
Y-Yeah...

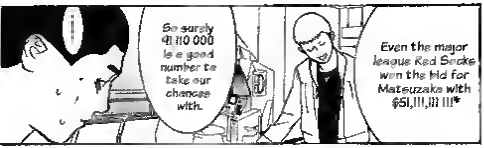
Get this! Eda here went in your place, called pass, and let the other team walk away with 100 million!!
Ah, Master Kikuzawa!
Sorry 'bout that, I'm feeling a lot better
What's goin on?

A-Ah, I am...
Who's up next to smuggle?
So?

You. Take money.
EH !?

heh heh heh
Ah!!


How much am I supposed to take?
Here I go and get us this close to taking the lead, and you guys go and give away our money.
We don't have a choice. There's no time left!
Hmm
Hello, retard? Do you understand the situation?
Didn't we agree not to take any money as long as we don't have a way to beat Yokoya's clairvoyance?
W-W-W Wait a minute!


So surely 91,110,000 is a good number to take our chances with.
Even the major league Red Sockс won the bid for Matsuzaka with $51,111,111 !!!*

*T/N- Baseball, duh. And, the reason for the odd number is that it's actually 6 billion yen... just doesn't convert as nicely

We have to strike while he's still expecting an empty trunk!
CHI
You really?
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I promise you:
he has no idea what's about to hit him.
The reason I've had everyone take empty trunks up until now was in preparation for this.
and I'll be the one who ends up losing.
Yeah but... he'll see right through it
Relax!

Akiyama!
Yokoya's clairvoyance can definitely be stopped.
You know, Kikuzawa's not totally off-base.
That's right. The truth is he's just exceptionally talented at reading people.
Rather, he would take a long, hard look at the amputee.
He wasn't even looking at the trunk most of the time.
Think back to how he appeared in the customs office.
He never was clairvoyant in the first place.
Many baseball pitchers wear long sleeves because the weight of the ball makes the muscles of their wrists visible, thus giving away their pitch.
Ah, you're right.
Even if your balance and facial expression were perfect, it would show by the tension in your arm.
CHIBA
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If the trunk was packed with 100 million, it'd weigh about 10 kilos. It's not an easy thing to hide.
Take, for example, a person's posture in carrying the trunk.
?
Why's that?
Perhaps you've heard that when most people tell a lie, they shift their gaze up and to the left.
It's nearly impossible to hide the facts with these.
And above all else, the eyes.

When people tell a lie, they need to think to keep their story straight. Such logical thinking is directed by the left side of the brain.
And it so happens that when people are using the left side, their gaze tends to move up and to the left. Thus, telling a lie makes most people look that way as well.
Huh...
Using these kinds of details, Yokoya has been closely observing everyone during his inspections.
So, using these pointers he's able to read the amount we're smuggling, too?
Yes, although he's probably using some kinds additional tricks that even I don't know
!?
So I wrote down about 50 pointers on reading people on this note.
I may not look it, but I graduated with a master's in psychology from Teito University
Right before you withdraw money from the ATM, read it over and follow it to the letter.
At least 10 of them must be ones that Yokoye looks for.
If you keep these in mind, you're sure to throw Yokoya off
No doubt about it.

I'll say this only one more time: Follow the instructions.
O-O-Okay..
If you do, you'll be able to beat Yokoya, guaranteed!
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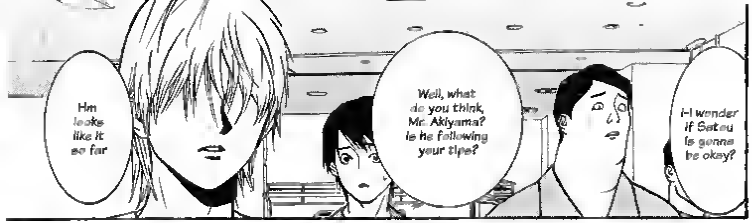
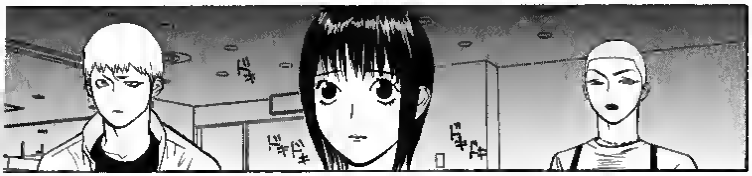
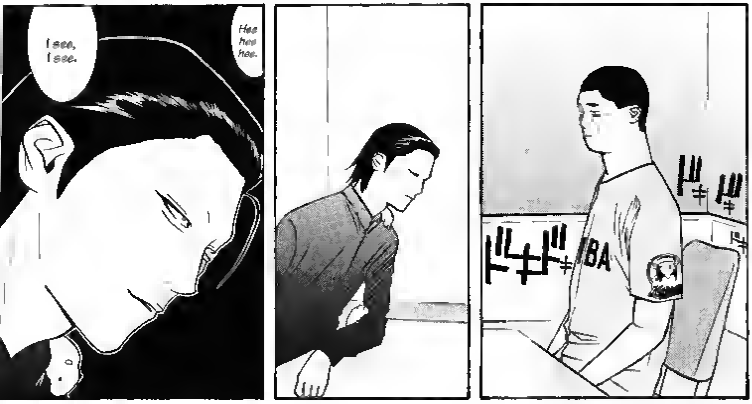
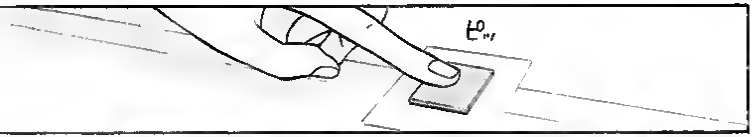
Aaand... Here comes the Southern Country's smuggler with his trunk in hand!
Just how much is in the trunk this time?
The Northern Country has once again selected the same inspector
Yokoya!


Hm looks like it so far
Well, what do you think, Mr. Akiyama? Is he following your tips?
I-I wonder if Satou is gonna be okay?




I see, I see.
Hee hee hee.

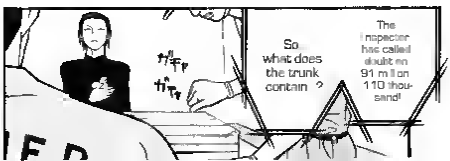


Please say pass!!
Please say pass!

91 MILLION, 110 THOUSAND!
DOUBT.

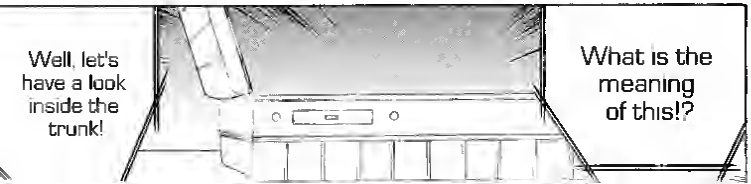
HE NAILED IT!!
IT WAS NO MATCH FOR HIS POWERS!!
AA-AA-AA-AH!!

Yes?
91 million, 110 thousand, right?
You said...


So, what does the trunk contain ?
The inspector has called doubt on 91 million 110 thousand!

!!?
This round goes to the smuggler.

What's this!? Our officer has just reported that the inspector has failed...!?
WHA-AAA-AAT!?


Well, let's have a look inside the trunk!
What is the meaning of this!?

91 MILLION, 120 THOUSAND YEN!
The Southern Country has slipped past the inspector by a paper-thin difference to gain 91 million, 120 thousand yen!
!!
Yokoya has failed to prevent this smuggling attempt!
You mean that paper with 50 pointers or something?
Ahaha, I lied.
If he followed my instructions, he'd be able to beat Yokoya. Clearly, Satou did
Didn't I say it?
What's going on?

All I wrote
was "Take 91 million, 120 thousand."
and nothing else.
Then, what ..? Uh wait a minute...
Why did you tell him to take 91 million 120 thousand?
Simple.
Oh, that? Pure nonsense.
People can look anywhere when they lie.
SOUTHERN CO.
Then what about that stuff about people looking up and to the left...?
W-What?
I already knew Yokoya was going to call doubt on 91 million, 110 thousand
because...

SOMEBODY here told Yokoya that the Southern team was going to take that amount in the next round.

Kiku-zawa?
..Right,

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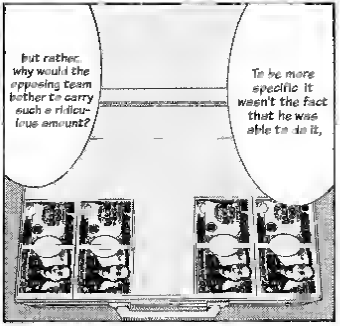
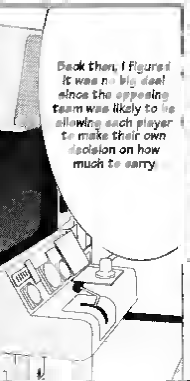
Chapter 38
Confession

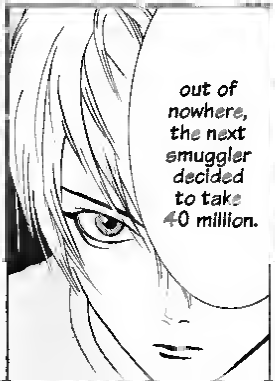
D-DON'T LOOK AT ME!!
No, you didn't!! Kikuzawa...?!
?...
...What the heck!?
They've been sending each other signals through the glass.
He's been working with Yokoya this whole time.
The result was Yokoya's ridiculous lie about clairvoyance,
and Kikuzawa's mysterious "no-fail strategy".
Yokoya would respond in a like manner.
Once Kikuzawa signaled the numerical amount the smuggler would carry,
I'll listen to your side AFTER I'm finished, thank you.
YOU HAVE NO PROOF!
BULL-SHIT!!

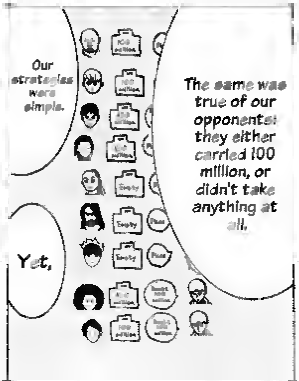
when Kikuzawa managed to intercept 40 million.
Needless to say, there were lots of unsettling details up until now... but the most suspicious one was just before the 3rd game,

This whole time, our team has only called pass or doubt on 100 million.
Ironically, it was Kikuzawa himself who said that this game is only about determining whether or not the enemy has money


but rather, why would the opposing team bother to carry such a ridiculous amount?
To be more specific it wasn't the fact that he was able to do it,

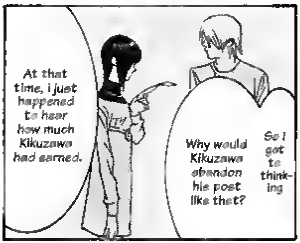

Back then, I figured it was no big deal since the opposing team was likely to be allowing each player to make their own decision on how much to carry.


out of nowhere, the next smuggler decided to take 40 million.


Our strategies were simple.
Yet,
The same was true of our opponents! they either carried 100 million, or didn't take anything at all.

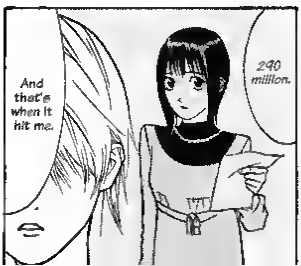
He took 50 million...
But then, the next smuggler didn't take 100 million or an empty trunk.

Kikuzawa's sudden illness placed Eda in the inspector's chair.
...Even so, these things didn't quite fall into the category of 'something's wrong.' What really did it for me was when


At that time, I just happened to hear how much Kikuzawa had earned.
Why would Kikuzawa abandon his post like that?
So I got to thinking

I would've gone even if I had to crawl on the ground...
Yosh...
Right?

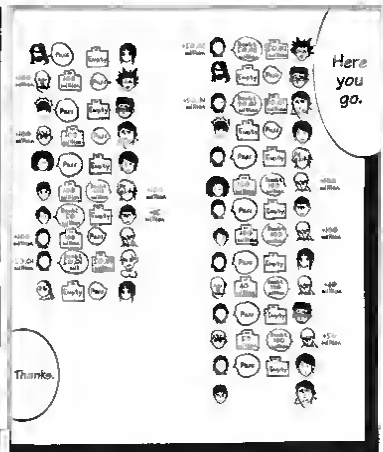
If there really was a winning trick like Kikuzawa claimed, then every turn was a shot at another several million, maybe even 100 million, yen.
So even if he was in terrible pain, why give up such an opportunity to someone else?


And that's when it hit me.
240 million.

that I had seen somewhere else.
290 million was the exact number

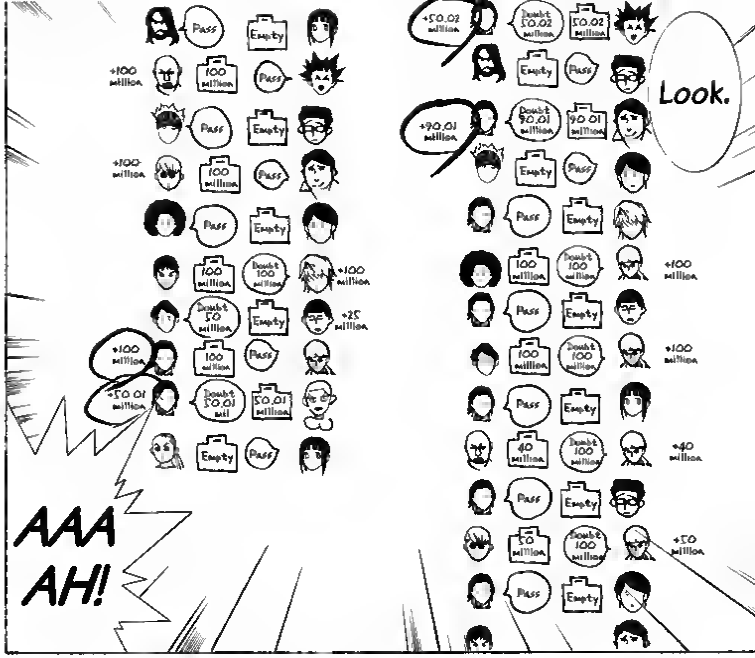
What's that supposed to be?
...290 million?
...?
It was too specific a number to be called a coincidence.

...Uh we have no idea what you're talking about.
See? Take a look at this page and you'll spot it in a second.


Here you go.
Thanks.

Okay, how about now?
Gasp.

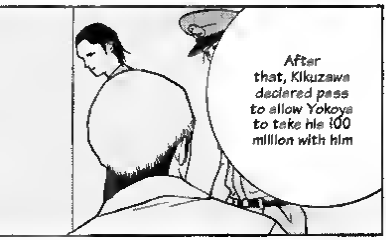
Fujita.
You have the paper we've been keeping score on?
Ah... um.

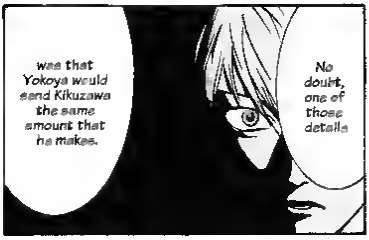

Look.
AAA AH!
Pass
Empty
Doubt 100 million
Doubt 90.01 million
Doubt 50.01 million
Doubt 50.02 million
100 million
90.01 million
50.02 million
+100 million
+90.01 million
+50.02 million
+25 million
+40 million
+50 million

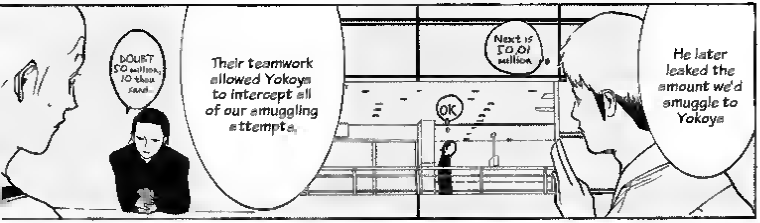
You got it
Is exactly the same amount Yokoya made!!
then the total of 290 million
If you ignore the thousands place,

Want to team up and make a killing?
We can send signals to each other through the glass windows.
Akiyama's scenario
that it all started during game 4 when Kikuzawa was inspector Yokoya made him an offer.
So my imagination led me to think

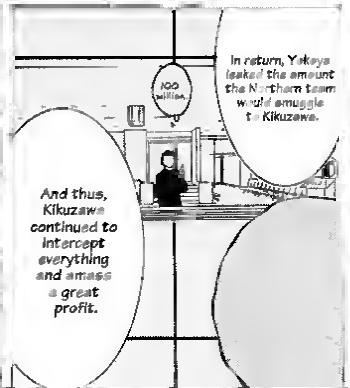
It's likely they were working out the details once Kikuzawa agreed to join him.
Now that you mention it, the two of them sure took a long time during that round!!
Ah!!


After that, Kikuzawa declared pass to allow Yokoya to take his 100 million with him

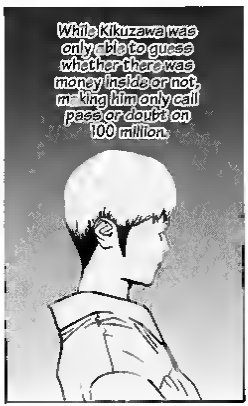

was that Yokoya would send Kikuzawa the same amount that he makes.
No doubt, one of those details

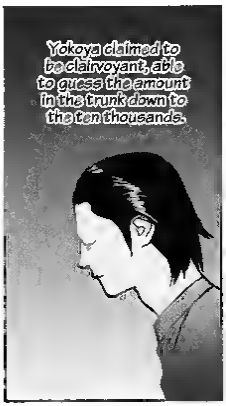

DOUBT 50 million, 10 thousand...
Their teamwork allowed Yokoya to intercept all of our smuggling attempts.
Next is 50.01 million
OK
He later leaked the amount we'd smuggle to Yokoya

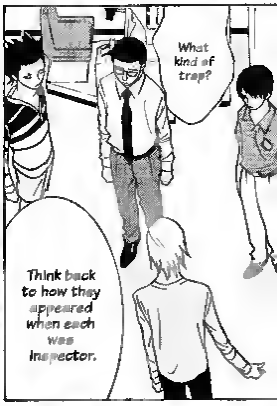
Don't be so hard on yourself!
Damn it! It was such a simple method, but we had no clue! Why didn't we doubt him at all?

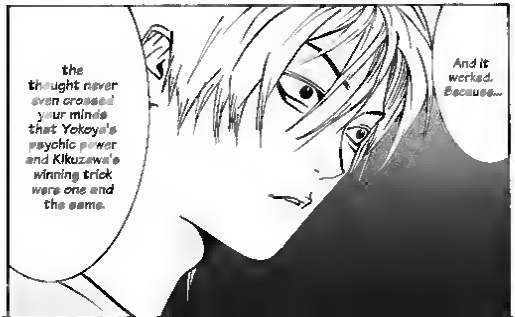

100 million
In return, Yokoya leaked the amount the Northern team would smuggle to Kikuzawa.
And thus, Kikuzawa continued to intercept everything and amass a great profit.

So that no one would suspect them,
they planted a trap nearly impossible to spot.

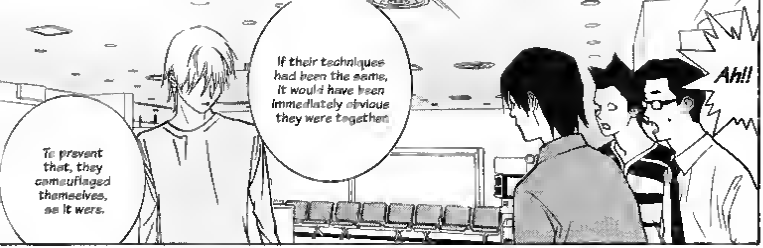

While Kikuzawa was only able to guess whether there was money inside or not, making him only call pass or doubt on 100 million.

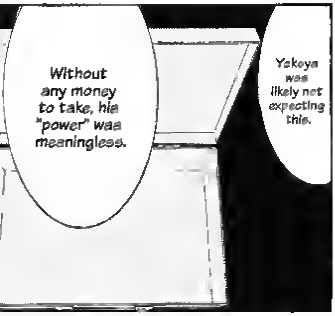

Yokoya claimed to be clairvoyant, able to guess the amount in the trunk down to the ten thousands.

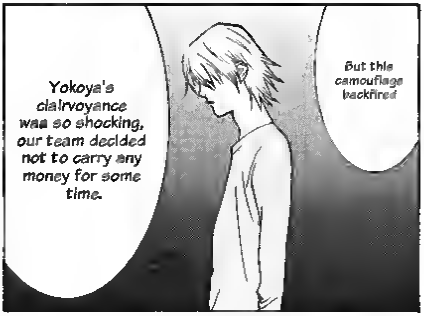

What kind of trap?
Think back to how they appeared when each was inspector.

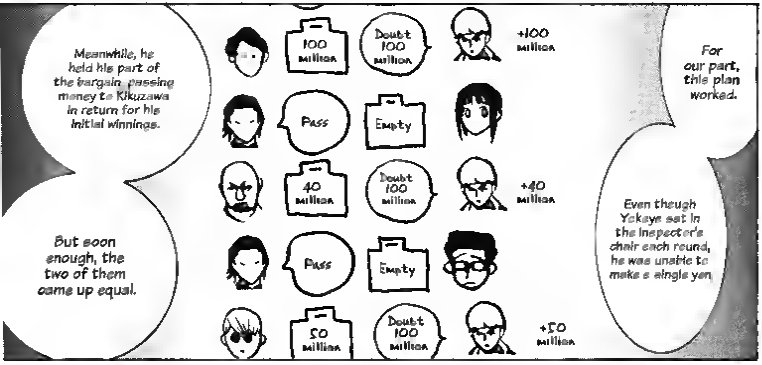

And it worked. Because...
the thought never even crossed your minds that Yokoya's psychic power and Kikuzawa's winning trick were one and the same.

Their styles were completely different
More like, intentionally different


If their techniques had been the same, it would have been immediately obvious they were together.
Ah!!
To prevent that, they camouflaged themselves, so it were.


Without any money to take, his "power" was meaningless.
Yokoya was likely not expecting this.


Yokoya's clairvoyance was so shocking, our team decided not to carry any money for some time.
But this camouflage backfired


Meanwhile, he held his part of the bargain, passing money to Kikuzawa in return for his initial winnings.
But soon enough, the two of them came up equal.
100 million
Doubt 100 million
+100 million
Pass
Empty
40 million
Doubt 100 million
+40 million
Pass
Empty
50 million
Doubt 100 million
+50 million
For our part, this plan worked.
Even though Yokoya sat in the inspector's chair each round, he was unable to make a single yen.

That's why Kikuzawa acted sick and made me the inspector that round!
I get it now!!

didn't receive any signal!
It's because Kikuzawa
Exactly.
The amount he let Yokoya take had already been returned to him.
And that's when Kikuzawa finally realized.
But no matter how long he waited, it never came.
Kikuzawa probably just stood there, waiting for a signal, just as he had done every round.
Yokoya had paid his portion back in full.
And it's easy to see why.
All of a sudden, his signals disappeared.

In desperation, he hole d himself up in the restroom.
Plus, there was no going back, now that he had become the ruler of our team...
And that was quite a problem, since now he had not the slightest clue if the opposing team was carrying anything.
It's all just a childish guess!
Besides, are you saying that Yokoya has the power to decide how much his team's smugglers will carry?
Cut the crap!
Hmph! That i just happened to make the same amount as Yokoya proves nothing!
Mr. Akiyama said the same thing to me.
When you were busy in the restroom,
Yes, it was a guess.
'And that's..."
"if this theory is correct, then Kikuzawa will only have one way out of this situation..."
But, there was more.

"to give more money to Yokoya."
"So, if I'm right, he'll come back to us and say,
!!
'The next smuggler has to take cash!'"
You Take money!
I was surprised... because that's exactly what you said, Mr. Kikuzawa.
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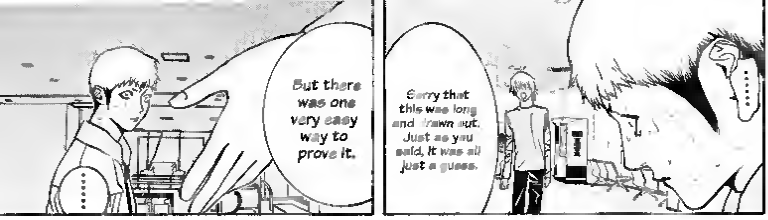

But there was one very easy way to prove it.
Sorry that this was long and drawn out. Just as you said, it was all just a guess.

I just had to make sure that the smuggler carried an amount you had no idea of.

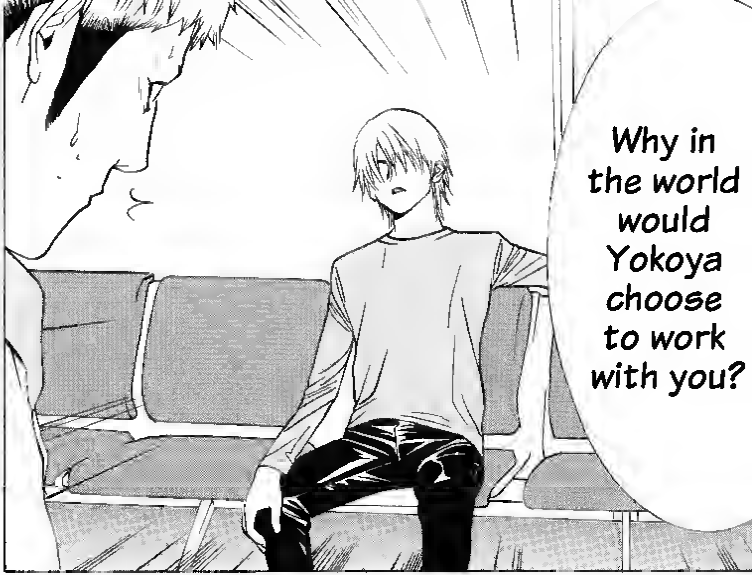
If I was right, Yokoya would never be able to use his clairvoyance again, and you would be robbed of your signals, rendering your "winning trick" useless.
!!

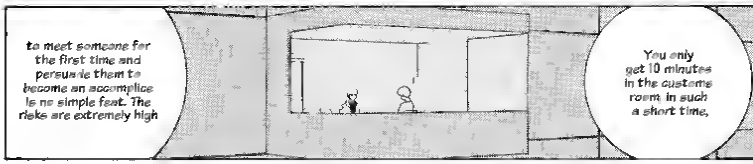
You've only got two options to chose from.
...Now

Prove that everything I just said was bullshit,
or admit your guilt.

I'M SORRY, GUYS!!
PLEASE, PLEASE FORGIVE ME!!

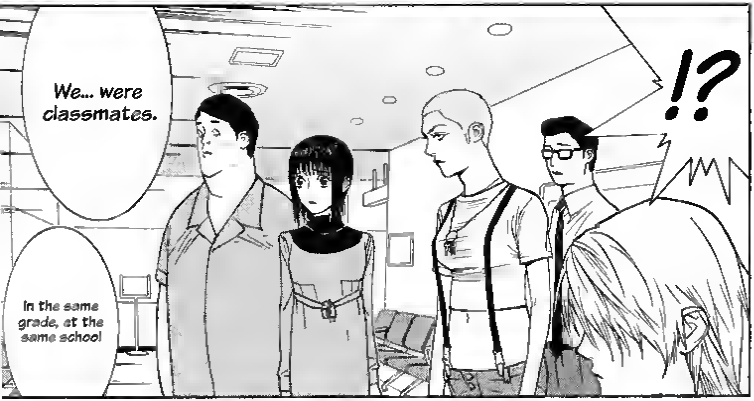
WHY, YOU ...!!!
...Okay
If you want any forgiveness, you're going to tell us the whole truth
He had received finger signals from Mr. Yokoya through the glass windows.
Just about everything Mr. Aikyama had said was accurate.
Mr. Kikuzawa admitted to everything.
but not surprisingly, this too, had been due to Mr. Kikuzawa telling him in advance.
Mr. Fukunaga was surprised that Mr. Yokoya knew his name.
Let's start with the biggest one.
!?
...But there's still a few things bothering me.
Okay, I get most of it.


Why in the world would Yokoya choose to work with you?

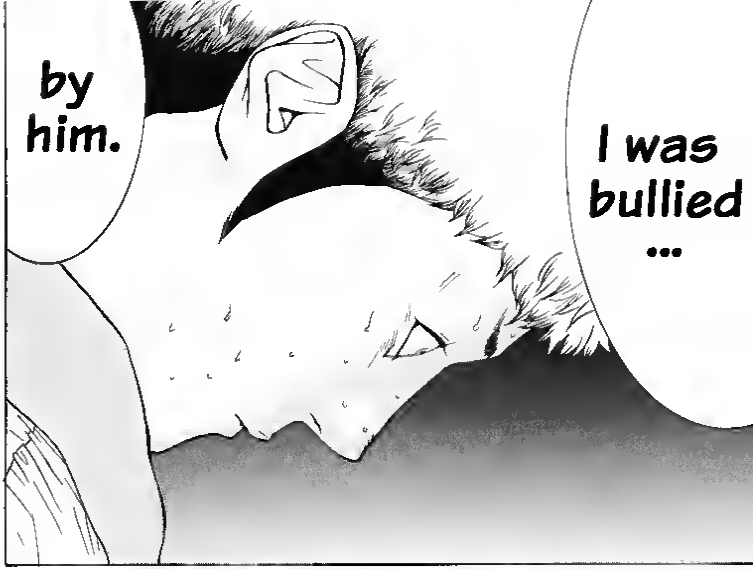

to meet someone for the first time and persuade them to become an accomplice is no simple feat. The risks are extremely high
You only get 10 minutes in the customs room in such a short time.

The truth is...
Let's hear it
The fact that Yokoya did it means that he was very sure you'd accept his plan. How do you explain this?

Today is not the first day we've met.


We... were classmates.
In the same grade, at the same school
!?

We weren't "just" classmates...
And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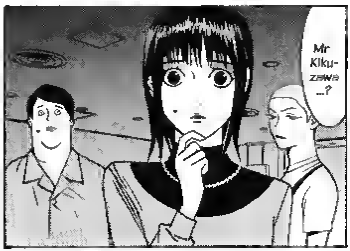
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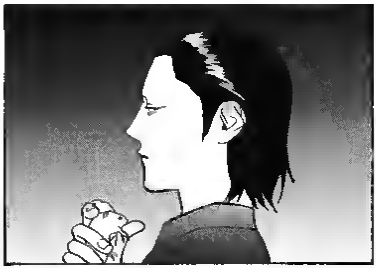

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